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## JAPAN TO FACE INVADER'S DILEMMA

London View Of Proposed Nanking Puppetry

### ARMISTICE AGAIN DENIED

Burgos, To-day.  
Repeated reports that a Spanish Republican delegation had arrived in Burgos, via Teruel, to negotiate an armistice with the insurgents, were officially denied last evening.

The insurgents, it is stated, "are not interested" in negotiating an armistice, since their aim is to "liberate Spain from Bolshevism, and with this end in view the fight will be continued until ultimate victory is achieved." — Trans-Ocean.

### BELETED JAPANESE ADMISSIONS

Shanghai, To-day.

Japanese headquarters here yesterday stated that Japanese troops have been engaged for about a month in extensive operations in the region to the west and southwest of Lake Tai, and to the northwest of Hangchow.

These operations have led to reoccupation of a large number of small towns, including Liyang, Kwangteh and Ningkuo.

That the Japanese have issued a special communique on these operations is felt to be an indication of the extent of the guerilla warfare that is still in progress in the Shanghai hinterland and in the Wuhu region.

### BELETED CONFIRMATION

It is also beleted confirmation of Chinese reports that irregular bands had been meeting with numerous successes and had recaptured a number of towns.

Chinese guerilla units, some of them several thousand strong, are still active in the Wuhu region, notably to the west of Lake Tai, and appear to be working under a unified command.

It is admitted in Japanese reports that the roads linking up Hangchow with Wuhu and Nanking are still menaced by large bands of Chinese irregulars. — Trans-Ocean.

### No Contribution To Rejuvenation Of China

London, To-day.

The new "government of Central China," to be inaugurated in Nanking, is the subject of a leading article in "The Times" this morning.

The newspaper says that Japanese officials have declared that the organisation of the Chinese Maritime Customs in Shanghai will be maintained intact and that the Japanese Government is known to hold the view that the foreign debt service should continue to be the first charge on Customs revenues.

But any satisfaction which foreign holders of Chinese bonds might derive from this circumstance, is likely to be dashed by their knowledge of the tragic plight of Shanghai and its hinterland, which are producing nothing and are living on their capital.

The new Nanking administration, therefore, seems unlikely to contribute to the rejuvenation of China which the Japanese Government profess to desire.

### HANDICAPPED BY ORIGIN

It is handicapped by its origin and the bitterness engendered by the Japanese excesses during the first weeks after the fall of Nanking.

It represents nothing but the conqueror's will and could not survive their defeat or departure for a day.

### INVADER'S DILEMMA

General Chiang Kai-shek's Government is fighting on in the belief that they can hold out longer than the enemy, and that in a few months time he will be seeking to escape from the "invader's dilemma."

### HOLDING UP OF NETHERLANDS STEAMER

With reference to the report on the holding up of a Netherlands steamer in the Canton River Delta, the owners of the ship in question, Messrs. Netherlands Harbour Works Co., state that undue prominence has been given to the incident.

Their tugboat "Reimer," towing a lighter, which carried a cargo of 400 tons of coal, was stopped off the island, Taishan, by an officer of a launch of the Imperial Japanese Navy, who wanted to examine the ship's papers, after some delay the vessel was allowed to proceed.

Messrs. Netherlands Harbour Works Co. emphasise that not the slightest importance is to be attached to this occurrence.

### WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

THE PRO-JAPANESE "GOVERNMENT" WHICH THE JAPANESE HAVE BEEN ENDEAVOURING TO ESTABLISH IN CENTRAL CHINA, WILL BEGIN ITS ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS IN NANKING, SAYS AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN TOKYO.

The body will bear the name "new Government of the Chinese Republic," and will co-operate with the "provisional government of North China" in Peiping.

The Nanking "government" will fly the same flag as the North China body. — Trans-Ocean.

In the meantime, Japan's attempts to set up "autonomous" governments in their place will trouble them no more than does her refusal to "recognise" the Government which her army and air force have been doing their best to destroy for the last six months. — Reuter.

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# Newest Hats Intended For Heads

## Second Spring Crop Features Flattering Brims

What this world needs is new. There are a great many brimmed hats, I've seen the women of London, hats worn off the face, or off one New York and Paris, this Winter, side of the face. They are not so trying to cope with the millinery hard as those halo hats which Wal-monstrosities that passed under the his Windsor affects, and far easier the banner of style, and for one for the mature woman to get away who got away with being crazy above with. Big flowers falling over the the shoulders there were thousands front of up-turned brims help the who simply looked groggy. The face beneath.

first crop of Spring hats was still. Milliners, for once, have bothered in the comic tradition. themselves how hats are going to

Just when it looked as if we'd stay on your head. Flat sailors go through another season stag-have chin straps or ties, and so gazing under witches' bonnets, sky-have many of the other shapes.

scraper cones and other forms of Louise Bourbon makes her sail-hat insanity, a second growth of ors two-piece, as shown No. 1, with millinery fashions gives some hope a bandeau around the back of the to female humanity. head holding the small yellow straw

The newest hats are intended for sailor firmly in place. Black velvet heads. There is a perfect orgy of ribbon is used for a decorative cross brimmed at fashions, and brims pattern on the crown of this model, flatter. Also crowns have been doc- and also binds and thickens the edge tored into rounded and flat shapes of the narrow brim. A small that do not deform. Colours have bluebird, flanked by red cherry turned sweet and charming. clusters, trims the front of the crown.

### AIDS TO BEAUTY

Millinery trimmings, too, are real aids to beauty, being flowers, velvet ribbons, wings and veils, for the most part.

Most of the latest Spring hats are made of straw, or of combina-tions of straw and felt. There are smooth, hand-sewn straws, which make dressy hats, and plenty of rough or hard straw sailors. Sailor hats, with flattish crowns and me-dium brims, trimmed with gay rib-bons, flowers and birds, are impor-tant entries for tailored wear.

### SASH AROUND CROWN

The impudent Cuban hat is intro-duced as a new style by Rose Valois and is shown No. 2. This hat is made of soft pastel blue felt and trimmed with vivid rose coloured felt ribbon. Rose felt makes a bandeau slanting over the forehead and a sash around the crown. This is an example of the rolling brim which leaves part of the face ex-posed and shades the rest.

All of the prettiest flower colours are okayed by the great French milliners for Spring wear with

## KIND to FACES



dark or neutral coloured suits. Violet is new, so are cornflower blues and rich rose and orchid pinks.

String beige, with flower colour trimming, is the smartest neutral hat colour. Delicious jonquil green and yellow are combined to make some of Agnes' most flattering new hats.

### JONQUIL GREEN

Agnes would like us to wear flattering brims like that on the hat pictured No. 3. Most of our faces could do with a little flattery of this sort after a Winter exposed to the crude light of the avenues. This hat is made of a new Swiss straw

braid in a soft jonquil green.

Its rather wide brim is gently undulating. The crown is one big flower made of soft green and yellow velvet ribbon. A circle of hair is left showing at the back of the head. Small feminine hats, ranging from flattened Watteau shapes to dainty toques laden with flowers and veils, will be arrogant in their flattery. No. 4 is one to show you the type. Agnes designed this shape, which is pastel blue at the back with a pink felt brim up in front, and a blue velvet bandeau and chin strap. A huge pink velvet orchid trims this hat.

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All women, we would preach, are career women, the home woman as much a one, if not a more important one in the long run than the kind usually associated with the career idea. So, in presenting the career girl diet, we present it for all women.

The diet stems from the school for fashion careers founded by two well known clothes authorities, Julia Coburn and Tobe, who appointed a group of high powered dietitians to work out a food programme that would provide career girls with stamina and energy and, consequently, inspire worth while activity.

The career girl cannot go on starvation or crank diets, our authorities remind us. She may have to eat in quick service restaurants and, therefore, cannot order specially prepared dietary foods. Neither can she spend too much money on meals.

So the diet finally approved to meet all needs and requirements turns out to be a fine maintenance diet, giving approximately 1,800 calories a day, all chosen from the average menus of inexpensive restaurants. And here it is for all women to study and follow, if possible. Anyway, stick to a plan not far afield from the diet outlined:

### MONDAY

#### Breakfast

Orange juice

Whole wheat or rye toast

Butter

Coffee with sugar and cream

#### Lunch

Toasted sandwich of lean meat without mayonnaise

## FUTURE WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming weddings have been announced:

Miss Jane Dickenson Wilkin of Yarty House, Axminster, Devon, England, to Mr. Peter Watkin Williams, barrister-at-law, residing at 375 Route de Sieyes, Shanghai.

Mrs. Chu Wing Fong, widow, residing at 27 Han Wong Road, Kowloon City, to Mr. Bonifacio Estevas Pintos, widower and pensioner of the same address.

Miss Leong Wai Tak, of 58 Argyle Street, Kowloon, to Mr. Lam Chiu Wau, merchant, residing at 137 Kiu Kiang Street, Kowloon.

Miss Amy Yu, of 29 Maple Street, Kowloon, to Mr. Tsui Heng, teacher, of 414 Yat Tak Road, Canton.

Miss Beattie Hsu, residing at 3 Lincoln Road, Kowloon Tong, to Mr. Robert Cheng Kiat Low, a student at Liangnan University, Canton, residing at 240 Wanchai Road, Hong Kong.

Hot chocolate

Baked apple or fruit cup

#### Dinner

Tomato juice

Lean meat or fish (not fried)

Spinach, broccoli or carrots

Salad without mayonnaise

Plain ice cream or stewed fruit,

custard or gelatin dessert

No coffee or bread

### TUESDAY

#### Breakfast

Fruit juice

Toast with butter

Coffee

#### Lunch

Bowl of cream soup with crackers

Fruit or vegetable salad plate

Tea

#### Dinner

Tomato juice

Lean meat or fish

Baked potato

Green vegetable, except peas

Stewed fruit or gelatin dessert with cream

Demi tasse

### WEDNESDAY

#### Breakfast

Fruit juice

Toast and butter

Coffee or tea

#### Lunch

Clear soup or tomato juice

Two boiled eggs

Toast and butter

Milk

#### Dinner

Grapefruit or fruit cup

Lean meat or fish

Green vegetable

Salad

Pudding or cake, or cheese

and crackers

Demi tasse

### THURSDAY

#### Breakfast

Fruit or tomato juice

Buttered toast

Coffee or tea

#### Lunch

Chicken chow mein with crisp

noodles

Milk

Stewed fruit

#### Dinner

Clear soup

Lean meat or fish

Any green vegetable (no potatoes)

Salad

Stewed fruit or gelatin dessert

### FRIDAY

#### Breakfast

Fruit or tomato juice

Buttered toast

Coffee

#### Lunch

Toasted sandwich of meat or bacon and tomato or an oyster stew

Baked apple

Tea

#### Dinner

Tomato juice

Two boiled eggs

Stewed fruit or gelatin dessert

Demi tasse

### SATURDAY

#### Breakfast

Fruit or tomato juice

Buttered toast

Coffee

#### Lunch

Bowl of soup with crackers

Fruit or vegetable plate



**LEG SLIMMING.** Most of us think we're doing well to touch the floor with our finger tips, but Mary Howard, M.C.M. actress, shows us that by consistent hand-swing, you can put the palms of the hands on the floor, thereby giving the legs that pull which makes long, slim muscles and attractive round knees.

## Registry Marriages

### LEUNG-CHAN

The marriage took place at the Registry yesterday of Miss Chan To Ying, daughter of Mr. Chan Kit Chung, a retired merchant, to Mr. Leung Tai Shing, son of Mr. Leung Kwok Tai, senior laboratory assistant of the Government Bacteriological Institute.

The ceremony which took place at 11 a.m. was performed by the Deputy Registrar, Mr. W. A. Jones, and the witnesses were Mr. Lau Ting Sam and Mr. Leung Kwok Tai.

The bridegroom is a material inspector of the Medical Department, Government Bacteriological Institute.

### NG-WONG

Miss Wong Kwai Ying, daughter of Mr. Wong Wai Chung, a retired merchant, was yesterday united in marriage at the Registry, to Mr. Ng Wing Gar, son of the late Mr. Ng Fun Poo.

The Deputy Registrar, Mr. W. A. Jones, officiated at the ceremony which took place at noon, and witnesses to the marriage were Mr. Wong Wai Chung and Mr. Cheung Hin Man.

The bridegroom is a merchant, residing at 37 Bonham Road.

### Milk

### Dinner

"The works," as much as you want of anything

### SUNDAY

#### Breakfast

Tomato juice or grapefruit

Bacon and eggs or cereal

Toast

Coffee

Tea

Tea and cinnamon toast or small

pastry

### Dinner

Chinese dinner or steak dinner

## ORGAN RECITAL

Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency The Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, a recital on the Hammond Organ will be given by Mr. Lindsay A. Lafford, at St. Mary's Church, Causeway Bay, on the night of April 6, commencing at 8.45 p.m.

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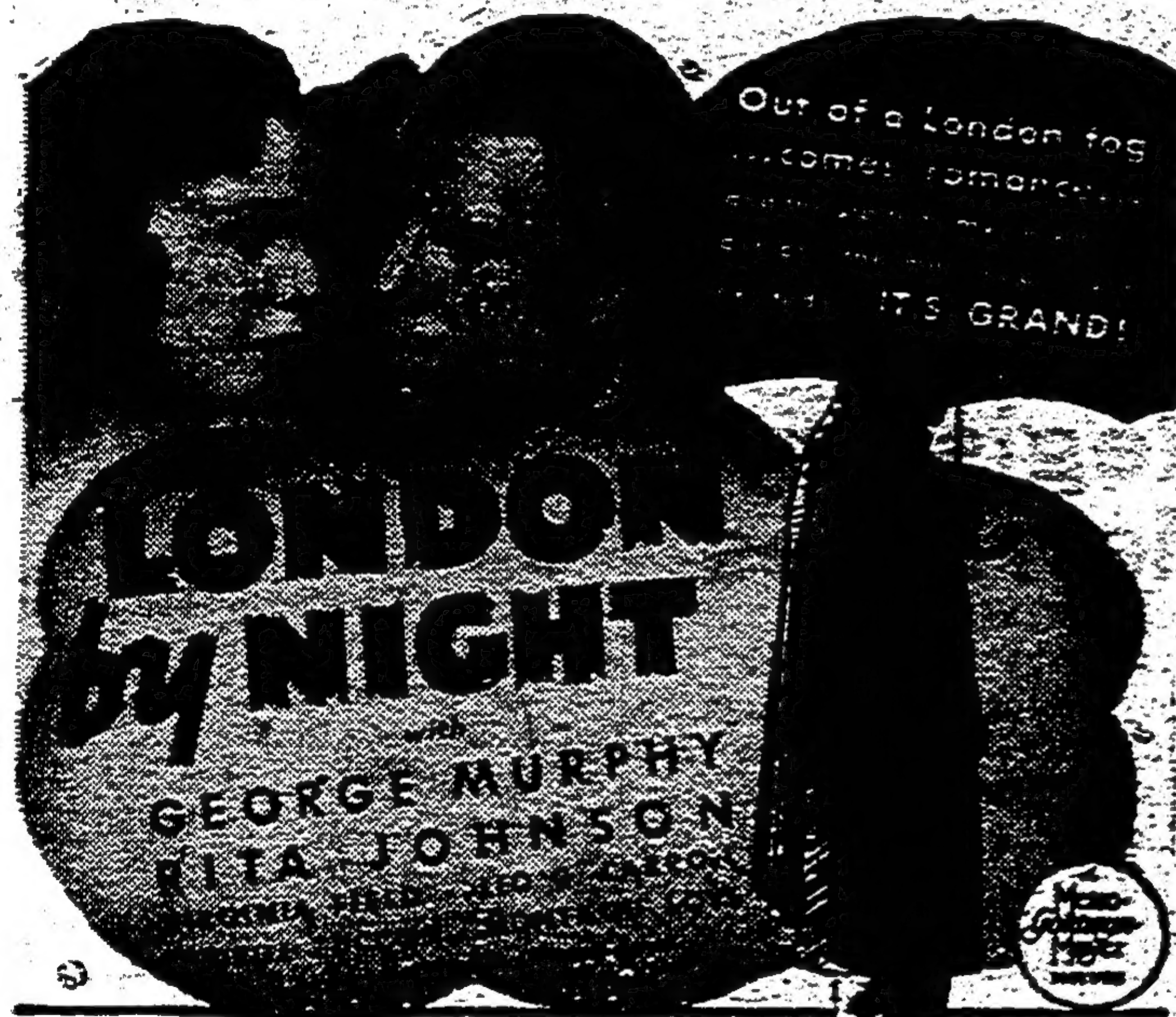
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## Poland's Requests Of Lithuania

Kovno, To-day.

In connection with the resumption of diplomatic relations between Poland and Lithuania, Poland has sent Lithuania a list of questions pertaining to technical aspects of the re-establishment of communications between the two countries. These questions, which will provide the subject matter for the first conference between the two countries, deal with

Establishment of telephone and telegraph lines,  
Introduction of wireless telegraphy between the two countries,  
Opening of highways and railway travel,  
Resumption of postal services,  
Arrangement of a passenger air service, and establishment of aerodromes on the frontier.—Trans-Ocean.

### KOVNO PRECAUTIONS:

Kovno, To-day.

The military commander of Kovno (Kaunas) yesterday issued a series of orders for the preservation of order and security in the city.

The orders include a ban on all processions and assemblies, while from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. the doors of all houses and the city gates must remain closed.—Trans-Ocean.

### GERMANY'S ADVICE

Berlin, To-day.

"Germany" advised Lithuania to accept without reservations all the Polish demands," says a statement issued in Berlin last night by the semi-official German news agency.

The statement follows an allegation in a Warsaw newspaper that Germany had other designs, and that while pretending to be pleased over the settlement, was in reality disappointed.

Germany, the paper had stated, was planning to make an offer to Lithuania of German protection.

The German news agency says that Herr von Ribbentrop, the Foreign Minister, advised Lithuania to accept the Polish ultimatum as the only possible method of re-establishing normal relations between the two states.—Trans-Ocean.

### FIRST MINISTER

Kaunas, To-day.

The Lithuanian Government has formally agreed to appointment of Franciszek Howarth as the first Polish Minister to Kaunas in twenty years.

M. Howarth played an important part in settling the frontier dispute between the two countries.—Trans-Ocean.

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## TRANSATLANTIC AIR SERVICE DISCUSSIONS

Dublin, To-day.

An international air service conference is being held in Dublin in which the trans-Atlantic services are being discussed.

Representatives of Britain, the United States, Canada and Eire, as well as representatives of Imperial Airways and Pan-American Airways, are present at the conference.

The conference is to decide the question of carriage of mails and setting up of wireless meteorological stations in the countries concerned.—Reuter.

### NEW EXPERIMENTS

The purpose of the conference was to discuss the technical aspect of the agreed scheme for the mail service. Further experimental flights with newer and faster planes will be undertaken.—British Wireless.

## DR. WUELLNER PASSES

Berlin, To-day.

The famous German actor and singer, Dr. Ludwig Wuellner, died here yesterday in his 80th year, after a short illness. The late Dr. Wuellner achieved brilliant success both in Germany and abroad.

Despite his advanced age, the late Dr. Wuellner continued to entertain crowded houses until a few weeks ago.—Trans-Ocean.

## FOG AND DRIZZLE

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest over the Pacific to the east of Japan and the Bonins, but an anti-cyclone may be developing over North China. The southern depression remains over Tongking, and another is forming over the Loochoos; the northern depression has filled up.

Local forecast:—N. E. winds, fresh; cloudy generally, some drizzle or light rain and local fog.



## LORD BUXTON'S LETTER ON CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

London, To-day.

Czecho-Slovakia continues to occupy the attention of British public opinion, in connection with the question as to whether the British Government should guarantee Czecho-Slovakian independence.

LORD NOEL BUXTON, IN A LETTER TO "THE TIMES" WRITES THAT IF BRITAIN WERE TO PLEDGE ITSELF TO INTERVENE IN WAR TO ASSURE THE SOVEREIGNTY OF CZECHS OVER GERMANS, WITHOUT FIRST GETTING TO KNOW THE WISHES OF THE LATTER, IT MIGHT EASILY BE FINDING ITSELF FIGHTING AGAINST THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

Lord Buxton proposes that, as in the case of the Saar, a free plebiscite, under neutral control, should be held in Sudeten German territory.

Should the result be that some districts vote in favour of union with Germany, then a neutral commission should be entrusted with fixing the new frontier.

Dr. Shackleton Baily strongly advocates a policy of non-intervention in Central Europe.

The time has passed, he maintains, when Britain can afford to allow itself to be dragged into the confusing maze of European politics.

### BRITAIN AND FRANCE

The "Daily Express" draws attention to the fact that the Dominions are opposed to the policy of further British commitments in Europe.

Most of the press comments wind up, however, by predicting that, in his declaration before Parliament on Thursday, the Prime Minister, Mr. Chamberlain, will once more stress the determination of his Government to adhere to the policy of Anglo-French co-operation.—Trans-Ocean.

## LABOUR AND INTERNATIONAL SITUATION

London, To-day.

A meeting of the National Council of Labour was held yesterday to consider the international situation in the light of recent developments and to receive a report from the delegates to the joint meeting of the International Federation of Trade Unions and the Labour and Socialist International in Paris last week.

It was decided to adjourn until Thursday evening, after the Prime Minister has made his statement of the Government's policy in the Commons.—British Wireless.

## SULTAN OF MUSCAT ON OFFICIAL VISIT TO ENGLAND

London, To-day.

The Sultan of Muscat and Oman left New York yesterday for England in the Queen Mary, due at Southampton on 28th March.

His Highness will be the guest of His Majesty's Government for a period of a fortnight. He will be received in audience by the King and a programme has been arranged which will enable him to see various aspects of the national life of Britain, including the daily work of the fighting services.—British Wireless.

## JEWISH SETTLERS ATTACKED

Haifa, To-day.

Jewish settlers in an isolated district near Nablus were attacked yesterday by a large body of armed Arabs.

One Jew was killed and another wounded.

The settlers drove off the raiders after an exchange of fire in which a number of Arabs were reported to have been wounded.—Reuter.

## MR. HOOVER AT PALACE

London, To-day.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, ex-President of the United States, who is on a visit to England was received in Audience by the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday morning.

Mr. Hoover remained with the King about half an hour.

Another visitor received by His Majesty was Mr. C. M. P. Palaret, the British Minister in Vienna, recently returned from Austria.—British Wireless.

## NO MORE GREYNA GREEN MARRIAGES

London, To-day.

The Secretary for Scotland introduced in the House of Commons, the Marriage (Scotland) Bill giving effect to the recommendations of the Morrison Committee on the law of Scotland relating to the constitution of marriage.

The Bill will do away with Grey-na Green marriages. No date has been fixed for the second reading which may not take place till later in the session.—British Wireless.

## C.-IN-C. VISITING WEST R. PATROL

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, left Hong Kong this morning in H.M.S. Tarantula for Canton, where he will inspect the West River Patrol. While in Canton, His Excellency will probably call on the British Consul General, Mr. A. P. Blunt.

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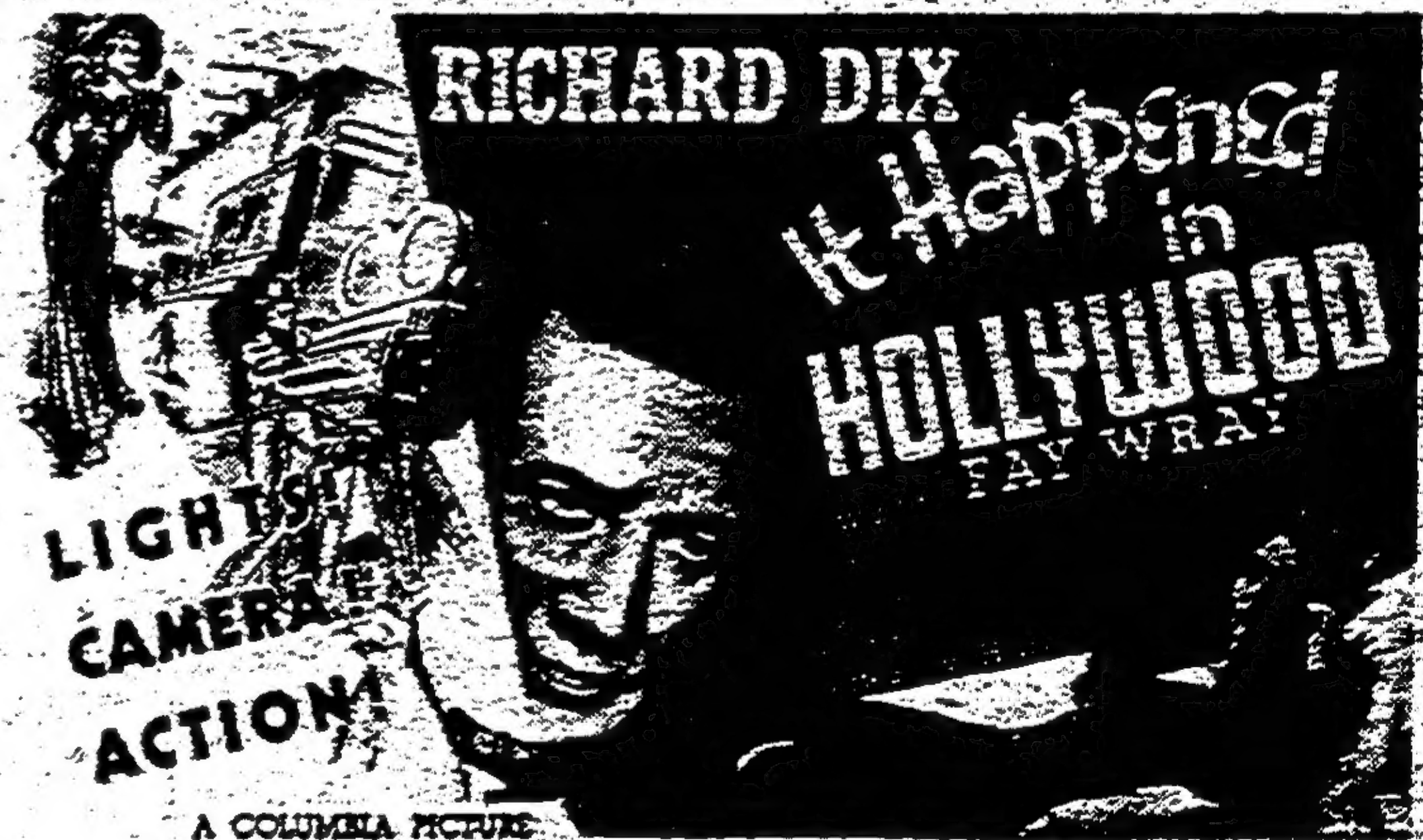
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## INTERNMENT OF RUMANIAN POLITICIANS

Belgrade, To-day.

The Rumanian Government is planning to intern a large number of politicians of the Opposition on a small island in the Black Sea, according to the Belgrade paper, Vreme.

The island is about 30 kilometres from the mouth of the Danube and is inhabited only by a light-house keeper.

About 1,200 to 1,500 cells are to

## COUNT GRANDI AT DOWNING STREET

London, To-day.

Count Grandi, the Italian Ambassador in London, who has just returned from a visit to Rome called at the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon and saw Lord Halifax. He remained about half an hour.—British Wireless.

be constructed on the island in April.

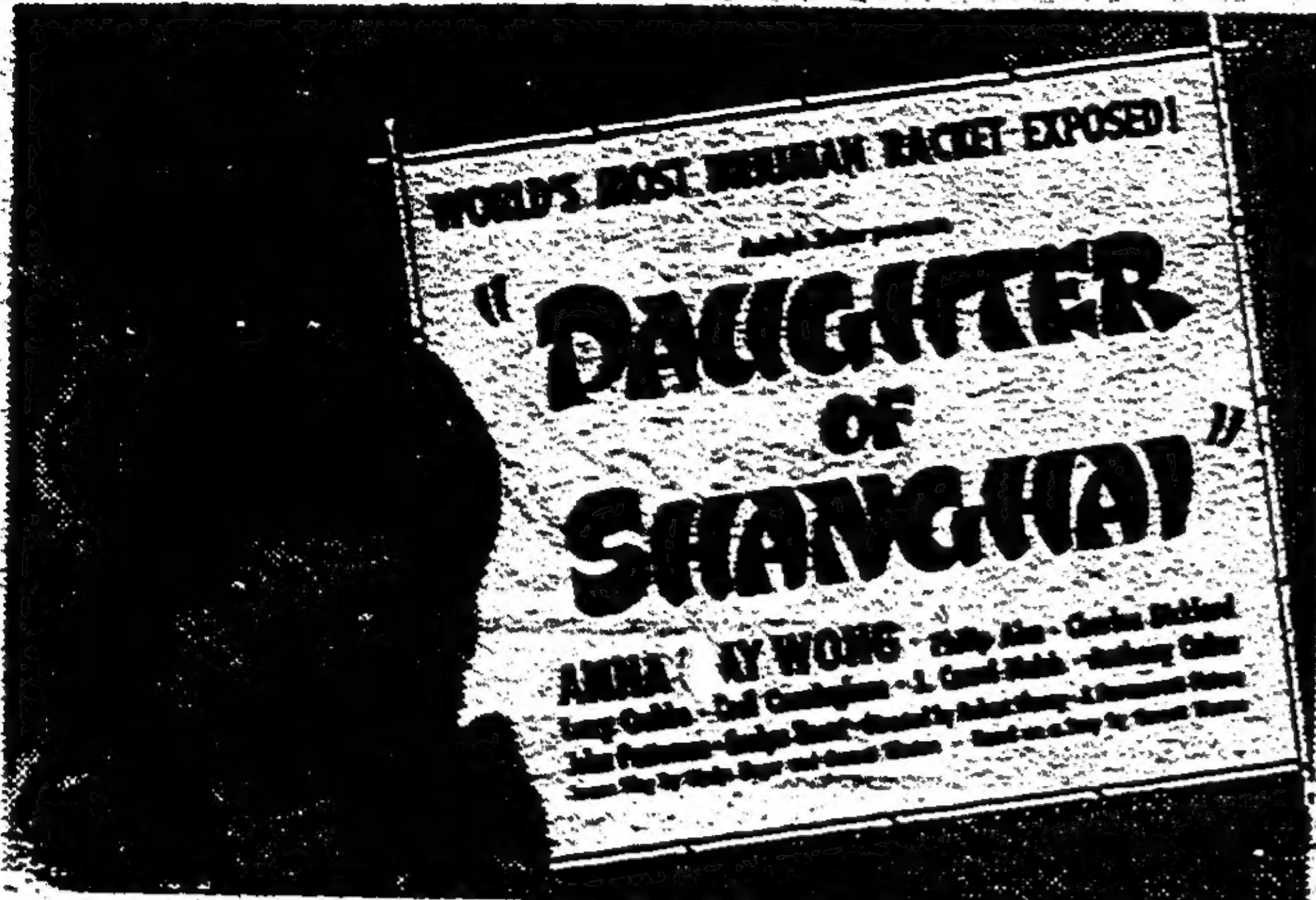
The interned politicians will have no radio in order to have them entirely shut off from the outside world.—Trans-Ocean.



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## SUDETEN PARTY GAINING ADHERENTS IN PRAGUE

Prague, To-day.

That the Austro-German reunion is having important repercussions in Czecho-Slovakia is further indicated by the announcement that the German Professional Party has dissolved itself and has been incorporated in the Sudeten Party.

The Christian Social Party is also negotiating for amalgamation with the Sudeten Party.

The only German minority party still co-operating with the Government is the Social-Democratic Party, which holds eleven seats in Parliament.

The Sudeten Party now controls 55 seats.—Trans-Ocean.

### HUNDRED MEETINGS

Prague, To-day.

Indicative of the increased activities of the German minority party in Czecho-Slovakia, over 2,000 Germans have joined Konrad Henlein's Sudeten Party since the Austrian developments.

The Sudeten Party has held more than one hundred meetings in the past week.—Trans-Ocean.

### NEW ADHERENTS

Prague, To-day.

The Farmers' Federation, one of the three German withdrawal of its co-operation with the Government and its joining up with the Sudeten Party.—Trans-Ocean.

## SINGAPORE RAW RUBBER

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

April/June 21-3/4 b. down 3/4.  
July/Sept. 21 1/2 b. down 3/4.  
Oct/Dec. 22-1/2 b. down 3/4.  
Market: Weak.

## BELGIUM AND FRENCH AID TO THE CZECHS

Brussels, To-day.

"Belgium will never tolerate the marching of French troops through Belgium in order to implement their guarantees to Czecho-Slovakia," declared the Foreign Minister, M. Spaak, in the Chamber yesterday.

M. Spaak's statement was made in reply to an assertion by a Social-Democratic deputy that the French-speaking population in Belgium would welcome French troops on such an occasion with enthusiasm.

M. Spaak said that Belgium had nothing to do with the Franco-Czech Agreement, and the entrance of French troops into Belgian territory would constitute a violation of Belgian rights as guaranteed by Article XVI of the League Covenant.

A demand by a Communist deputy that Belgium enter into a mutual assistance pact with France, Russia and Czecho-Slovakia, was rejected by M. Spaak.—Trans-Ocean.

## AUSTRIA'S FOREIGN TRADE

Vienna, To-day.

Following the Austro-German reunion, publication of Austrian foreign trade statistics for the month of February will not take place.

In future, Austrian foreign trade figures will form an integral part of those of the Reich.—Trans-Ocean.

## GENERAL LOEHR HONOURED

Berlin, To-day.

Field-Marshal Goering has presented the award of honour to General Loehr, who has hitherto been chief of the Austrian air force.—Trans-Ocean.

## ANGLO-ITALIAN TALKS REACHING CRITICAL STAGE: DISCUSSION IN LONDON

London, To-day.

The political correspondent of the "Evening News" states that the Anglo-Italian talks in Rome have reached a critical stage.

Britain, says the correspondent, insists that withdrawal of foreign volunteers from Spain must take place before any agreement with Italy can be considered.

The paper expresses the opinion that this topic formed the chief subject at a meeting which took place between Count Grandi and Lord Halifax yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

### PREMIER'S VIEW

London, To-day.

Although, according to well-informed circles, Mr. Neville Chamberlain will touch but briefly on the Anglo-Italian talks during his foreign affairs statement on Thursday, it is nevertheless intimated that the talks in Rome have already reached a decisive point and in view of this fact, the Prime Minister will decline to give information on the success or failure of the talks until they are ended.

It is further stated that an Anglo-Italian agreement in principle has already been reached, but that the final outcome will depend on two questions — Abyssinia and Spain.

Meanwhile, a conference took place yesterday afternoon between the Italian Ambassador, Count Dino Grandi, and the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, at which the Rome talks and Spain were discussed.

Count Grandi has just returned to Rome after a lengthy visit to Rome.—Trans-Ocean.

## FRANCE ANXIOUS ABOUT SPAIN

London, To-day.

The French Government has made urgent representations to the British Government concerning the delay in carrying out withdrawal of foreign volunteers from Spain, says the political correspondent of the "Evening News."

The correspondent says that France wants the non-intervention Powers to see that the plan is carried out within a certain period, or the entire plan will be discarded "regardless of consequences."—Trans-Ocean.

## CATALAN RUMOUR REFUTED

Brussels, To-day.

The Catalan representative in Brussels yesterday denied reports that Catalonia would separate itself from Republican Spain.—Trans-Ocean.

## TOKYO MAY FORM CHINA AFFAIRS OFFICE

Tokyo, To-day.

Formation of a new Ministry to deal with Chinese affairs may become necessary, the Premier hinted in the diet yesterday evening, addressing the Lower House committee which is deliberating Bills providing for organisation of North China and Central China development companies.

The Premier indicated that opinion was divided regarding creation of a special Government department to handle the multiple aspects of Japanese policy in China.

A board of Chinese economic affairs is being established to control the promoted development companies, while a council of Chinese economic affairs will be set up to make the necessary recommendations to the Japanese Government regarding economic developments in China.

### TEMPORARY AGENCIES

The new board and council, the Premier said, were temporary agencies. Large-scale machinery to enable co-ordinated handling of economic, as well as diplomatic affairs in China had become necessary.

Japan would not relinquish any Chinese territory under her control. At present the limit of Japanese action in China was difficult to show geographically.

This was in reply to a question as to how far the Japanese army intended to go in China.—Reuter.

## FRENCH NATIONAL MOBILISATION MEASURE

Paris, To-day.

After general discussion of the Bill for organisation of the nation in time of war, the Chamber of Deputies yesterday passed the first article of the measure.

The finance committee yesterday examined both the financial and political drafts passed by the Council of Ministers and approved them by 13 votes to 7.



# FAILURE OF JAPAN'S NEW OFFENSIVE CONFIRMED

## Drive Brought To Halt On The Grand Canal

### Hanchwang Capture Claim Described As Premature

Hankow, To-day.

Reports from all sides confirm that the Japanese offensive along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway in south Shantung has been brought to a standstill on the northern bank of the Grand Canal. The claim to the capture of Hanchwang by the Japanese is described as distinctly premature in Hankow.

Chinese reinforcements have been sent from Weishan Lake in the direction of Yenchowfu to strengthen the troops engaged in bitter fighting in the mountainous region north of the Grand Canal.

Concentration of strong Japanese forces on the northern bank of the Yellow River on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, is taken by Chinese military experts as indication that the Japanese, now that their offensive on Hsuehchowfu had been brought to a standstill, are now attempting divert the point of attack and to threaten the town by another attack in north Honan on the Lung-hai Railway.

#### TENGHSIEN FIGHTING

Hsuehchow, To-day.

The gravity of fighting centres around Tenghsien, according to the latest military report from the Tsingpu Railway front. Some 3,000 Japanese troops are being besieged by the Chinese at a point to the south-east of the city of Tenghsien.

With the arrival of large reinforcements, the Chinese opened a fierce counter-offensive yesterday morning and major fighting developed at several points.

The Japanese are desperately holding the walled city. Street fighting took place yesterday afternoon for some hours with both sides suffering heavy casualties. Meanwhile, a severe struggle is developing at a point to the south of Tenghsien, where the Japanese attempt-

### INSURGENT OFFENSIVE

Saragossa, To-day.

A new insurgent offensive has begun near Huesca, which for many months has been almost surrounded by Government troops.—Renter.

### BARCELONA BOMBINGS

Burgos, To-day.

Sir Robert Hodgson, Chief British Agent, had a long conversation with the Secretary of State of the Foreign Ministry, General Espinosa de los Monteros, yesterday.

The subject of the conversation was not revealed, but is presumed to have been the Barcelona bombings.

The British diplomatic representative to the Nationalist Spanish Government has now made Burgos his headquarters, it is officially announced.—Trans-Ocean.

ed in vain to dislodge the Chinese from a hill position.

The Linyi front has been quiet since the failure of a Japanese counter-offensive.—Hua Nan.

### British Representations To France On Lloyd George Talks

London, To-day.

The British Ambassador in Paris, Sir Eric Phipps, has made representations to the French Government against the negotiations now taking place in France between members of the British parliamentary opposition and members of the French Cabinet, according to London newspaper reports.

At the end of last week, the former Premier, Mr. David Lloyd George, conferred with the French Premier, M. Leon Blum, and afterwards various members of the British Labour Party were received by M. Blum. Moreover, Mr. Winston Churchill, who stands in opposition to the Chamberlain Government, has already announced that immediately after the British Government's declaration on the foreign political situation on Thursday, he intends to get in touch with leading politicians in Paris.—Trans-Ocean.



An air raids precautions exhibition is now being held at the Mitcham Town Hall where all up-to-date apparatus is being demonstrated. Here are Mitcham youngsters, trying out gas-masks, crossing the road from the Town Hall. (Copyright).

### EXTRAORDINARY RUMOURS

Brussels, To-day.

The union of Catalonia with France is, according to press reports here, advocated in circles of the Socialist Second International. Catholic and liberal papers warn

against the possible consequences of such a policy.

The "Nation Belge" voices the hope that timely revelation of the suggestion will suffice to prevent realisation of the scheme which would signify a European war.

The paper adds that it is doubtful whether French statesmen have given any encouragement to the plan.—Trans-Ocean.

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# BRITAIN'S NEW CITADEL IN FAR EAST

With the formal opening of the graving dock Britain's new naval base at Seletar, Singapore, may be regarded as being in commission. A further 18 months may elapse, however, before the vast undertaking is complete to the last detail.

The story of how "the Singapore base" came into existence is an epic of human craftsmanship triumphing over the forces of Nature.

Less than 14 years ago the entire area now occupied by one of the largest and certainly the most modern of the world's naval dockyards was a forbidding maze of tropical jungle, walled about by solid ramparts of nightmare vegetation and dense undergrowth, flanked to seaward by mangrove swamps and black slime, the haunt of crocodiles and serpents.

## UNPROMISING SITE

The task of clearing, levelling, and draining this terrain was rendered still more difficult by the intense heat and humidity, for Singapore lies but a few miles north of the equator. The temperature rarely falls below 80 degrees, and the average annual rainfall is 100in. Life in the swamps is rendered almost intolerable by insect pests, and even now 70,000 gallons of kerosene are used every year to keep down the mosquitoes in the area covered by the base.

When the project was first mooted in 1921 even the residents of Singapore voted the Admiralty mad for choosing so unpromising a site; they declared it to be physically incapable of being transformed into a naval base. Yet someone at Whitehall had the vision to see the fulfilment of the miracle and the resolution to accomplish it.

The necessity for a modern fleet base in the Far East had become apparent even before the end of the war. Japan had taken advantage of Europe's pre-occupation to extend and consolidate her power in the Western Pacific, and her policy was already assuming

that "forward" tendency which has become so marked in recent years. The British Commonwealth, with immense and vital interests at stake, dare not entrust them indefinitely to the goodwill of any foreign Power.

Those interests include a great deal of valuable property in China and the lucrative Chinese trade; the flourishing port of Hong Kong; Borneo and New Guinea, veritable treasuries of natural wealth, and the vast but almost unguarded territories of Australasia. On any single day of the year British ships and cargoes worth £160,000,000 are afloat in the China Seas, the Indian Ocean, and in Australasian waters. To deny these rich assets protection would have been to put a premium on aggression.

## UTILITY IN DEFENCE

Singapore is ideally situated as the hub of our Far Eastern defence system. Lying at the tip of the Malay Peninsula, it commands the direct route between the North Pacific and the Indian Ocean. The only alternative passage involves dangerous navigation in a labyrinth of islands, where in war-time a fleet would be in constant peril of ambush.

A British fleet based at Singapore would thus be admirably placed to dispute the passage of a hostile force into the Indian Ocean, or to intercept an enemy with designs on Borneo, New Guinea, or Australian territory. At the same time it would automatically cover the richly-endowed Dutch East Indies, a fact of which the Netherlands Government is fully aware.

From the strategic point of view Singapore is, first and last, a defensive position, implying no menace to foreign territory. From Japan proper it is separated by 2,500 miles, a dis-

tance too great to admit of sustained naval operations. On the other hand it is sufficiently near to British key points in the Indian Ocean and the Pacific to provide for their defence in an emergency. The mileage from Singapore to these points is as follows: Hong Kong, 1,435; Port Darwin (Northern Australia), 1,900; Colombo, 1,565; Calcutta, 1,665; Rangoon, 1,150. Finally, Singapore is 8,200 miles from England and 6,000 miles from Malta, headquarters of the Mediterranean Fleet.

To its remoteness from Europe is due the unequalled strength of the defences with which the new base has

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been provided. It must, in short, be capable of holding out against every form of attack for an indefinite period, for it would be a matter of weeks at least before succour could arrive from European waters.

## TO STAND SIEGE

Its elaborate fortifications, oil tanks with a capacity of 1,500,000 gallons, and the immense reserves of munitions and stores which have been accumulated—all these are designed to enable the island to withstand a siege of unlimited duration.

The new base is situated on the old Johore Strait, which divides the island of Singapore from the mainland of the Malay Peninsula, and is 14 miles from

the town of Singapore. From the open sea, 12 miles away to the eastward, a narrow channel leads to the dockyard. This channel is flanked on the south by the Singapore hills and on the north by several islands adjoining the mainland. Both hills and islands now bristle with guns of all calibres, the heaviest having a range of 25 miles.

The westward approach to the base is rendered almost impassable by rocks and shoals, and is blocked by a causeway linking the island with the mainland. The defending batteries are sited to command every approach by sea, and are so concealed among the trees and palm groves that even the flash of the guns would be difficult to detect.

## DOCK FACILITIES

In the Johore Strait there is anchorage for the largest fleet ever likely to be seen in those waters. The base itself has a frontage of four miles. Its outstanding feature is the giant graving dock, measuring over 1,000ft. by 130ft., with a depth of 55ft. Constructed of cement faced with granite from the quarries of Aberdeen and Johore, its foundations are carried to a depth of 80ft. below the floor of the dock. Within this huge basin there is room and to spare for the mightiest warship either afloat or conceived in the brain of the naval constructor.

The dockyard is equipped with cranes to handle the heaviest guns or machinery parts, and when the plant is fully installed it will be prepared to execute repairs of every description. Near the dry dock is moored the 50,000-ton floating dock which was towed out from England in 1928. Two capital ships could therefore be docked simultaneously.

Adjacent to the base is a great military aerodrome, while the large civil flying field and seaplane station recently opened near Singapore town would be available for military purposes in an emergency.

Circumstantial accounts of the elaborate system of fortification have been published in the foreign Press. At Changi, the promontory dominating Johore Strait, a new town has been created to house the fortress command and the garrison of artillerymen, engineers, and infantry charged with the defence of the base.

This gigantic achievement, dockyard and defences, is the joint work of British engineers and Chinese labourers. No official figures of the total cost have been issued as yet, but the naval works alone have absorbed about \$11,000,000, and a further \$9,000,000 has been spent on the fortifications and Royal Air Force establishments.

## DOMINION'S VIEWS

Of the approximate total £20,000,000 the Federated Malay States have contributed £2,000,000, the Sultan of Johore £500,000, New Zealand £1,000,000, and Hong Kong £350,000. Australia was originally to have made a large cash contribution, but in 1924, when the British Socialist Government discontinued work on the base, the Australian quota was diverted to the modernisation of the Commonwealth Navy. It will be seen that while the Singapore base is essentially an Imperial undertaking, not less than four-fifths of the total cost has been defrayed by the taxpayers of Great Britain.

When the plan was first announced in 1922 it aroused fierce controversy, Liberal and Labour spokesmen denouncing it as provocative and unnecessary. One of the earliest and actions of the Socialist Government in 1924 was to suspend all work on it, after the Dominion Governments had been invited to express their views.

It was found that Australia and New Zealand regarded the completion of the base as essential to Empire defence; South Africa opposed it as being contrary to the interests of peace; Canada and the Irish Free State preferred not to express an opinion, while the views of India were conflicting. It is significant of the world-political changes which have taken place in the past 14 years that to-day the Empire is virtually unanimous in acclaiming the new base as an indispensable bulwark of defence and common security.

## FLEET AND THE BASE

That Singapore will ever become, in peace time, the permanent headquarters of a great fleet is doubted in naval circles. Climatic conditions alone render it unlikely. Incidentally the rapid deterioration of metal and other material in consequence of the extreme

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# AUSTRIAN REFUGEES' PLIGHT

## Discussion On British Policy In The Commons

### Home Secretary Makes Important Statement

London, To-day.

The plight of Austrian refugees who have been refused admittance to Britain at ports, was the subject of a statement by the Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Sir Samuel said that while doubtless there was a general desire to maintain the traditional policy of Britain of offering an asylum to persons who, for political, racial or religious reasons, had to leave their own country, there were on the other hand, obvious objections to any policy which would aggravate unemployment, housing and other social problems.

While, therefore, it was proposed to pursue the policy of offering asylum as far as practicable, it was essential to avoid creating the impression that the door was open to all kinds of immigration.

He did not think any ground existed for altering the Naturalisation Law.

#### SETTLED POLICY

"Anyhow, no alteration in the Nationality Law could be made without consultations with the Dominions.

"The provisions of the law relating to British nationality operate not only in the United Kingdom but in the Colonies and Dominions.

"It is a settled policy that no substantial changes shall be made therein except in agreement with the self-governing Dominions."

Sympathetic consideration would be generally given in respect of applications to stay in Britain beyond the limited period already granted.

#### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

A number of questions followed to which Sir Samuel, replying, said that whether a particular individual might practice his profession in England was a question for the professional organisations concerned.

He emphasised that the Government was prepared to give sympathetic consideration to all individual cases.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Liberal, Wolverhampton) asked if special machinery would be set up to guide people in regard to their chances in coming to England.

#### FURTHER ORGANISATION

Sir Samuel thought some further organisation would be necessary, and undertook to take into account a suggestion by Mr. T. E. Harvey (Independent, Combined Universities) to communicate with the Dominions in these cases.

He would look into the matter of accepting a guarantee from Britons prepared to offer homes to refugees.

The House subsequently, by 210 votes to 142, refused leave to Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Labour) to introduce a Bill going beyond Sir Samuel Hoare's statement in regard to immigration and naturalisation of Austrian refugees.—Reuter.

#### AVOIDING DANGERS

Sir Samuel Hoare said he was anxious to avoid creating an impression that the door was open to immigrants of all kinds. Such a misleading impression might inflict great hardship. The Government was anxious that admission should not be refused to suitable applicants, including persons whose work in the world of science, arts, business or industry, might be advantageous to the country. But it must be remembered that even in the professions the danger of overcrowding could not be overlooked, while in the sphere of business and industry, economic difficulties must be taken into account.

Regarding Austrians already in the United Kingdom, applications for naturalisation from those who had the qualifications prescribed by statute would be given the most sympathetic consideration.

#### LEAGUE OF NATIONS

When a Member asked if it was not necessary to create effective machinery through the League of Nations backed by adequate funds for dealing with the problem of Austrian refugees as a whole, the Home Secretary said that that raised a much wider question which ought to be addressed to the Foreign Secretary.—British Wireless.

### NEW LORD OF APPEAL

London, To-day.

The King has approved that Sir Samuel Lowry Porter, a Justice of the King's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice, be appointed a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary to fill the vacancy created by the appointment of Lord Maugham to be the Lord Chancellor.—British Wireless.

The King and Queen will visit Aldershot on April 12th.—British Wireless.

### SUICIDES FOR "POLITICAL REASONS"

Vienna, To-day.

Suicides "for political reasons" between March 12 and March 21 totalled 94, according to an official statement. The statement adds there were 112 attempted suicides in the same period.—Reuter.

### BRITISH MINISTERS AS BLIND AS BATS, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

London, March 17.

"Since I have been in political life I have never seen such a mess in our foreign affairs," declared Mr. David Lloyd George, fiery Welsh statesman, in an interview with the press this morning, just before he left for France.

Referring to the Spanish situation, he declared, "Our ministers seem to be as blind as bats."

Mr. Winston Churchill, noted Tory leader, also left for France this morning. Political circles declare that Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Churchill will probably confer with Mr. Stanley Baldwin, former Premier, and Mr. Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary, in the south of France on the present ministerial situation.

### CURIOUS POST OFFICE DISCOVERY

When Sergeant Scott, of the Water Police, went to post letters at the Kowloon Post Office yesterday, he found a sticky substance adhering to the inside of the box. Mr. D. Fitches, of the Post Office, later examined the box and confirmed the discovery, finding several letters adhering.

It is presumed that an attempt was being made to steal letters and some may have been stolen.

The Public is advised, when posting letters, to see that they drop right down.

### ROBBER SENT TO PRISON

Two years' hard labour was imposed on Tong Tak, 34, by Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, for robbing a 43-year-old married woman, Tam Yuet-loi, of money, jewellery and clothing on January 11 last.

It was alleged that accused, with five other men, entered the second floor of No. 14 Shek Ku Lung Street through a trap-door at about 2 p.m., gagged and bound the occupants, including complainant, and escaped with \$100 in cash, besides jewellery and clothing.

Admitting unlawful possession of 8,498 heroin pills, and 88½ ounces of heroin mixture, two Chinese, Leung Tong and Yau Nam, were sentenced to three years' hard labour at the Criminal Sessions by Sir Atholl MacGregor this morning.

### TWELVE STROKES FOR AN ARMED ROBBER

Arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, charged with armed robbery, assault and possession of a revolver, three Chinese pleaded guilty and were given sentences ranging from two years' to four years' hard labour.

It was alleged that accused, Ng Kwok-ping, Lo Chuen, and Wong Kam-hung, took part in an armed robbery at No. 4, Tai On Terrace, and in a robbery and assault at No. 250, Hollywood Road, on January 22 last.

An additional charge of possession of a revolver and five rounds of ammunition was preferred against Ng.

First accused, asked to plead, said "I am guilty and deserve punishment." "That is one matter on which we agree," remarked the Chief Justice.

Sentencing him to four years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane, His Lordship said the case was not a serious one, but had one serious aspect for which accused must receive a severe sentence, having attempted to make deliberate use of a revolver. "You might have stood here on a much more serious charge," concluded the Judge.

Second accused was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour and the third to three years' hard labour. He had several previous convictions.

### POLICE REMINDER

In spite of the warning issued by the Police requesting car owners to lock their cars or remove their ignition keys, there are still owners who have paid no attention and it is only necessary to pay a visit to car parks to see numbers of cars with their windows open, says a police reminder.

Lo Yui-hing, of No. 23, Sai Yeung Choi Street, has reported the loss of his car No. 8134 while it was parked in Saigon Street, near the Majestic.

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humidity will add appreciably to the cost of maintaining the dockyard, the fortifications, and kindred establishments.

But should circumstances make it expedient to assemble a British battle fleet in the Far East all the requisite facilities will henceforth be available. What the new base has done is to project British naval power 6,000 miles to the eastward of Malta, opening to our battleships a large and vital area of the Pacific Ocean hitherto closed to them by the lack of docking accommodation. Every British community in the Pacific and the Indian Ocean will breathe more freely when the Singapore base is in full working order.



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## ANGLO-ITALIAN NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker has again demonstrated how easy it is to provoke the Prime Minister to curtness in matters related to foreign affairs, and the Labour Member's retort on the Anglo-Italian negotiations was clearly invited. If, however, an agreement is to emerge it is easy to sympathise with Mr. Chamberlain in his discouragement of questions in the middle of talks of such a delicate nature. An essential preliminary to the agreement at which the Prime Minister aims is the breaking down of the wall of suspicion and bitterness which has grown up between countries which, until 1935, had a long tradition of friendship. Mussolini's speeches and his propagandist agencies have succeeded in thoroughly angering and alarming British opinion. The young Fascists have been taught to believe that Britain is the obstacle to the rebuilding of the Roman Empire. Italy is unsafe in Africa while Britain holds Gibraltar and Suez, the keys of the Mediterranean, and is even stifled in the Middle Sea itself. Therefore, the mastery of the Mediterranean must be wrested from the "decadent" English, not merely by the building of an enormous navy and the creation of military situation in Italian Libya favourable to an attack on Egypt, but by the undermining of British prestige in the Near East and in Africa. Propaganda to the latter end has been unscrupulous and unceasing. Mussolini himself, in a famous speech at Milan, declared the Mediterranean to be only "a short cut" for Britain, whereas "for us Italians it is life."

Britain, aroused at last by hostile propaganda and menacing military movements, initiated a vast re-armament programme which was designed to ensure the safety of her Mediterranean lifeline as well as the protection of her other interests at home and abroad. The Italians believed, or affected to believe, that these armaments were aimed primarily at them; propaganda was redoubled, and military preparations were speeded up.

It would be unfair not to recognise a genuine Italian point of view in all these unhappy exchanges. Hatred of Britain, artificially generated when sanctions were mooted, became a real popular feeling as the Abyssinian war progressed. The Italians could not understand why wealthy and colonies-sated Britain and France should begrudge impoverished Italy a place in the

These pointed to the fact that when the other European Powers were partitioning Africa among themselves, Britain, along with the League, they refused to believe that its creation in the interim had made any difference to their "colonial expeditions" to Ethiopia. The wave of passionate support for the League which swept Britain in 1935 was completely incomprehensible to the Italians, except as another manifestation of "British hypocrisy." Sanctions left their mark deep on the Italian mind.

Notwithstanding the diplomatic defeat which he had suffered over the failure of sanctions, Mr. Eden did his best to repair the mischief wrought in Anglo-Italian relations—a mischief which Italian intervention in Spain, hailed by many Fascists as another step in the Italian conquest of the Mediterranean, sharply intensified. The fruit of Anglo-Italian conversations for a better understanding was the Declaration of Assurance of January 2, 1937. This declaration recognised that transport through the Mediterranean was a vital interest both to Britain and Italy, disclaimed any desire to modify the status quo of territory in the Mediterranean area, and asserted that the two Powers would do their best to discourage any activities liable to impair the good relations which it was the subject of the declaration to consolidate. Italy followed this up with an explicit guarantee to respect the integrity of Spanish territories.

These documents seemed to herald a return to amity. Signor Mussolini, however, was far from satisfied. What he wanted was a real Mediterranean pact. Already, in the Milan speech, he had demanded "a frank, quick, and complete solution" of the Mediterranean question, by which he meant parity in ships, air bases, and fortifications. Britain was not prepared to negotiate such a treaty. She would go no further than the declaration, which Mussolini's newspapers vainly sought to interpret as maintaining the status quo in armaments as well as in relation to territories. Britain went ahead with her rearmament programme, and Mussolini renewed the movement of troops to Spain—and to Libya.

Such was the situation in which Mr. Chamberlain intervened. The Prime Minister belongs to that school of Conservatives in Britain which believes that Anglo-Italian rivalry in the Mediterranean is unnatural and unnecessary; that a return to the old friendship based on a recognition of complementary interests can be achieved. The test will come when the attempt is made to translate these amiable sentiments into an agreement.

Recognition of the Italian Empire in Abyssinia will be unpopular in Britain, but it will obviously be conceded, on terms. But will Britain be prepared to concede parity of armaments along her Mediterranean lifeline? And can she trust Mussolini?

It is useless to disguise the fact that Fascist boasts and threats have filled the British public with dislike, prejudice, and disquiet. The spectre of a Fascist lordship of the inland sea, evoked by Mussolini's own propagandists, will not easily be banished, and distrust is not a good basis for an enduring treaty.



# MYSTERY CAR SHOT OFFERS NEW RIDDLE

Japanese Embassy Describe Death As Self-Inflicted

## AMERICA'S BILL IN PANAY INCIDENT

Washington, To-day.

The State Department announces that the United States Ambassador in Tokyo has presented to the Japanese Government an account for damages arising from the sinking of the gunboat Panay.

Included in the American estimate are damages for three tankers bombed on the same day as the Panay incident.

The Japanese Government has already promised to pay full indemnity for these bombings.

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The Note in connection with the Panay compensation demand stated that the United States Government finds that the "amount of property losses sustained" is U.S.\$1,945,670.01 and the "amount of indemnification which should be paid in death and personal injury" is U.S.\$268,337.35.

The Note points out that no item for punitive damages is included, and the amount asked represents only the actual property losses and a conservative estimate of personal damages.—Reuter.

## EXCHEQUER SURPLUS OF ELEVEN MILS.

London, To-day.

The healthy British financial position is disclosed in the official returns showing a current Exchequer surplus of £11,598,000 compared with a deficit of £15,656,000 at this time last year.

Revenue hitherto is £839,788,000 and expenditure £828,189,000.—Reuter.

TWELVE DAYS TO GO

London, To-day.

With twelve days to the end of the financial year, the Exchequer returns show that total ordinary revenue amounts to £839,788,297 compared with £794,160,843 at the corresponding date of last year. Ordinary expenditure is £818,319,799, against £798,255,055 a year ago. There is a surplus of £21,568,498 of which £9,869,749 has been allocated to the Sinking Funds.—British Wireless.

## N.U.J. CALL STRIKE

London, To-day.

The National Union of Journalists has announced that a strike will be called on April 3 unless demands for salary increases are met.

Negotiations with the publishers have already begun, and the hope is expressed that the strike will be avoided.—Trans-Ocean.

## Acute Nervousness Persists In Settlement

Shanghai, To-day.

In connection with the incident last evening in which the occupants of a motorcar opened fire on a group of Japanese, killing one, the Japanese Embassy has issued a statement announcing that the dead Japanese was an interpreter of the Japanese gendarmerie.

The statement adds that he was walking down a street in Hongkew with two companions when he shot himself. An investigation is now proceeding to establish whether the death was suicidal or accidental.

At the same time, the entrances to the International Settlement have been reopened, the barricades have been removed and the majority of troops withdrawn, though a small extra force was left on duty for the night.

The reason how the disparity in the Japanese Embassy and police statements arose has not yet been probed. The effect is immaterial, and the main fact that emerges is the acute nervousness in which Japanese and foreigners are now living in Shanghai.—Reuter.

INTENSE EXCITEMENT

Shanghai, To-day.

Yesterday's incident resulted in intense excitement as the Japanese completely isolated the district north of Soochow Creek.

Nobody was allowed to enter or leave the district, business was entirely suspended, traffic over the bridges stopped and shipping on the Creek blocked.

The theory gained ground last night that the Japanese interpreter had actually committed suicide, and had not been murdered. That the Japanese were of this opinion was indicated by removal of all restrictions.—Trans-Ocean.

## IMPORTANT HITLER DECISIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED

Berlin, To-day.

Herr Hitler will make fourteen speeches in connection with the Austrian plebiscite and the German Reichstag elections on April 10.

Seven speeches will be made in Germany and seven in Austria.

On April 9, according to well-informed quarters, the Fuehrer will announce "important decisions" at noon.

Herr Hitler's first speech will be at Koenigsberg on Friday.—Trans-Ocean.

## H.M. GUMINE'S NEWSPAPER AGAIN BOMBED

Shanghai, To-day.

A second incident in the International Settlement occurred slightly before midnight last night when the office of the Chinese vernacular newspaper, "The Standard," owned by a Baron Mr. H. M. Cumine, was bombed for the third time in several months.

The unidentified occupants of a motorcar alighted in front of the office, disarmed the Chinese watchman on duty and re-entered the car from which they tossed a bomb. They then drove off.

The watchman and a passer-by were taken to hospital with wounds, and one other Chinese was slightly injured, while the plate-glass front of the office was shattered.

No arrests have been made.—Reuter.

SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

Trans-Ocean says that the bombthrowers first fired two shots at the Chinese watchman, wounding him seriously.

## VIENNA WARNING

Vienna, To-day.

The police have ordered the surrender of all arms and ammunition by March 25.

After this date, possessors of arms and ammunition will be severely punished.—Reuter.

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## Cabinet Dissension Rumour: Trouble Smoothed Out

London, To-day.

Rumours of dissension in the Cabinet over the trend of Mr. Chamberlain's foreign policy have been given new momentum as the result of yesterday's special meeting of the Cabinet, called for the purpose of discussing the proposed declaration on Czecho-Slovakia and European affairs generally.

Informed quarters state that the Cabinet meeting yesterday, which lasted upwards of two hours, failed to reach agreement on the wording of the declaration which is scheduled to be made in the House of Commons to-morrow.

It is now considered probable that the Cabinet Committee on Foreign Relations will meet this morning to discuss the matter, and that the declaration will be finally drafted at the Cabinet Council in the afternoon.

## BANK OF FRANCE ADVANCES TO GOVERNMENT

Paris, To-day.

The Cabinet yesterday approved two finance bills under which the Bank of France advances £50,000,000.

The Treasury receives £31,000,000 of this sum, and it is believed the remainder will be allocated to the recently established autonomous defence funds.

The Bills are only temporary measures, and the Government is preparing others wider in scope.—Reuter.

### DETAILED STUDY

The "Evening Standard" affirms that the Cabinet is now engaged on a detailed review of the whole field of British foreign policy with special reference, firstly, to the Anschluss and Czechoslovakia, and, secondly, to the situation created by the successful offensive of the Spanish Nationalist troops.

With regard to the latter question, the paper asserts that the British Government will continue, under all circumstances, to adhere to the policy of non-intervention.—Trans-Ocean.

### NEARER AGREEMENT

London, To-day.

It is now stated that partial agreement on the Prime Minister's statement on foreign policy in the House of Commons on Thursday was reached yesterday at a further Cabinet meeting.

The Cabinet will meet again this morning to give Mr. Chamberlain's declaration final approval.—Trans-Ocean.

## KING AND QUEEN NOT VISITING BELGIUM

London, To-day.

King George and Queen Elizabeth will probably make a two-day visit to Brussels on their way to Paris. It is announced in the Daily Express.

It is understood that an invitation was extended to Their Majesties by King Leopold of Belgium when he was on his official visit to London in November last.

The report, however, that the King and Queen of England intend to visit Belgium during the summer is authoritatively denied.

It is stated that apart from their visit to Paris, France, the King and Queen do not contemplate any journeys abroad this year.—Trans-Ocean.

## CLOUSTON HEADS FOR SOURABAYA

Port Darwin, To-day.

Flying Officer Clouston and Victor Ricketts took off for Sourabaya at 7.12 a.m. (local time) on the return flight to England from New Zealand.—Reuter.

The s.s. "Scharnhorst" is expected to arrive on Sunday, at about 10 a.m. She will berth alongside Kowloon Wharf and will leave for Europe via Manila, Singapore, and ports at 10 p.m. the same day.

## Bringing Up Father







UGLY AFTER ALL. Lord Moyne has just arrived back from South America with animals from the London and French Zoos. Among the many interesting specimens is a Brazilian Iguana which lives in the trees. Although rather ugly in shape, its coat is a beautiful and the large scales on the side of the head give the impression of opals. Above is a Brazilian Iguana. (Copyright).

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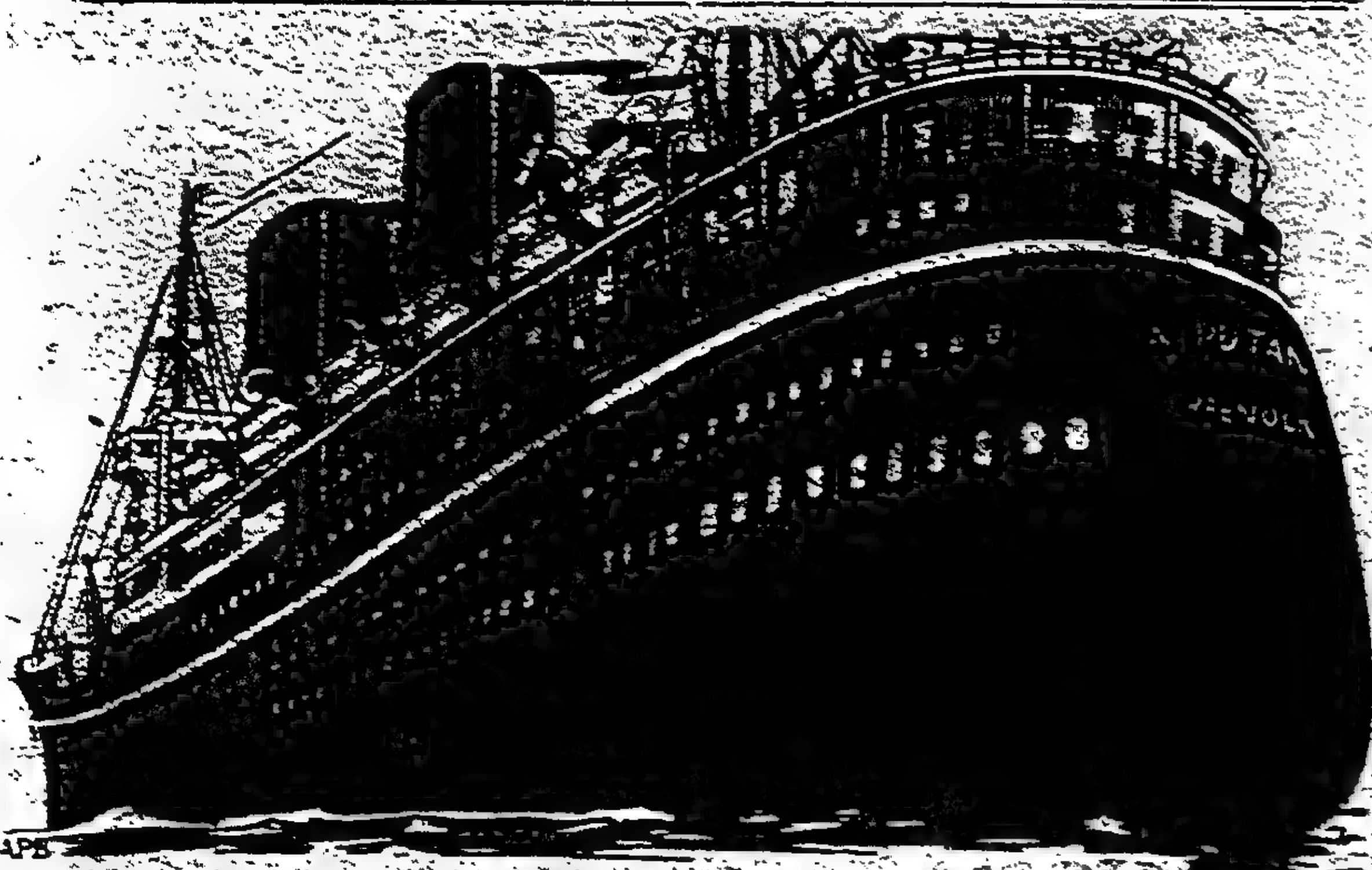


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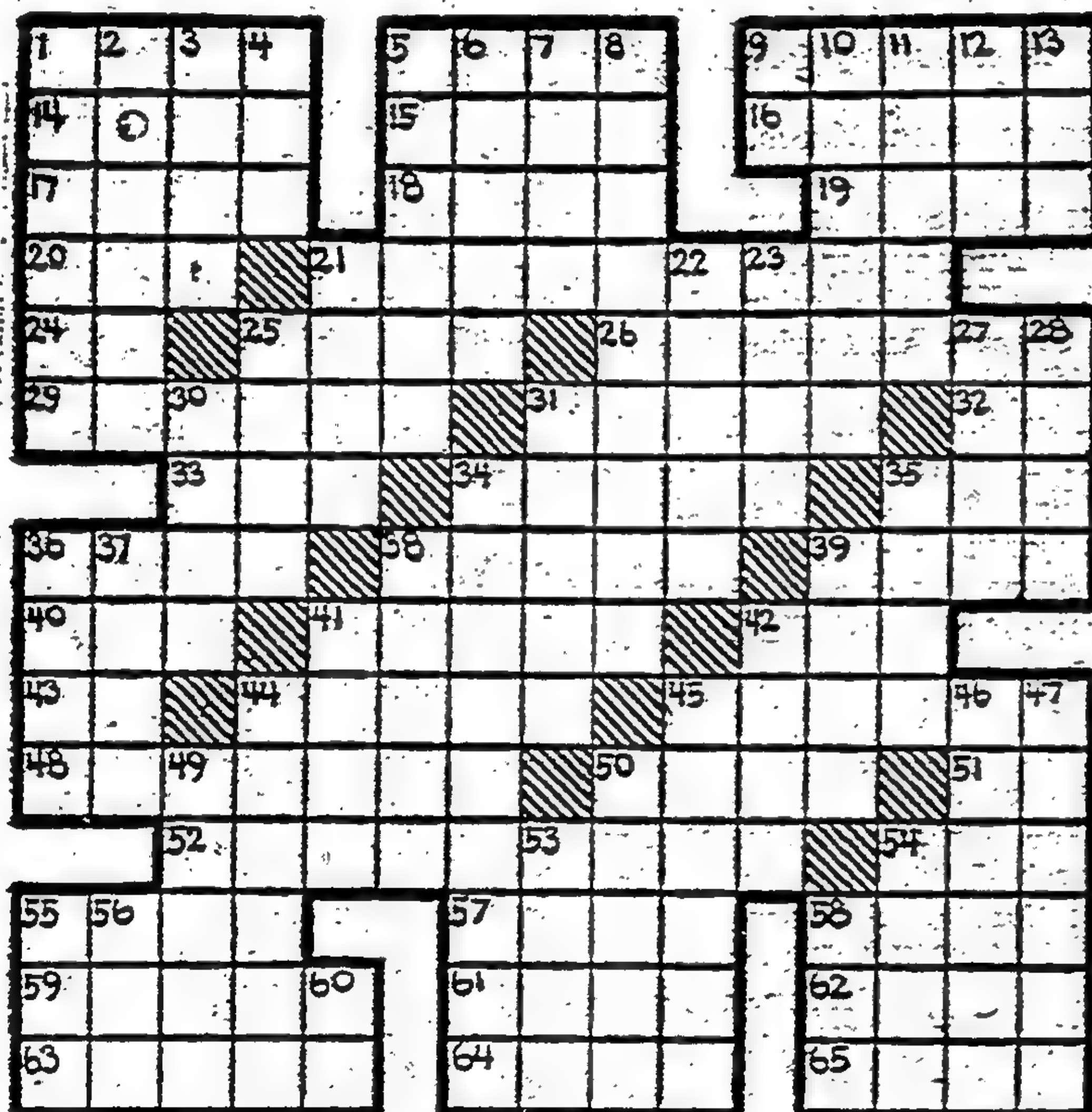
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- 17- Slide
- 18- River in Tyrol and Bavaria
- 19- Five hundred fifty-two
- 20- Half a score
- 21- Waterside promenade
- 24- Electrical Engineer (abbr.)
- 25- Evenings (Poet.)
- 28- Threadbare
- 29- A garden tool (pl.)
- 31- Coincide
- 32- Towards
- 33- A protuberance
- 34- Tolls at
- 35- By
- 36- A singing bird
- 38- Cliques
- 39- Crippled
- 40- Assist
- 41- A ringing sound
- 42- Foot (Lat.)
- 43- A Canadian province (abbr.)
- 44- Money out at interest (pl.)

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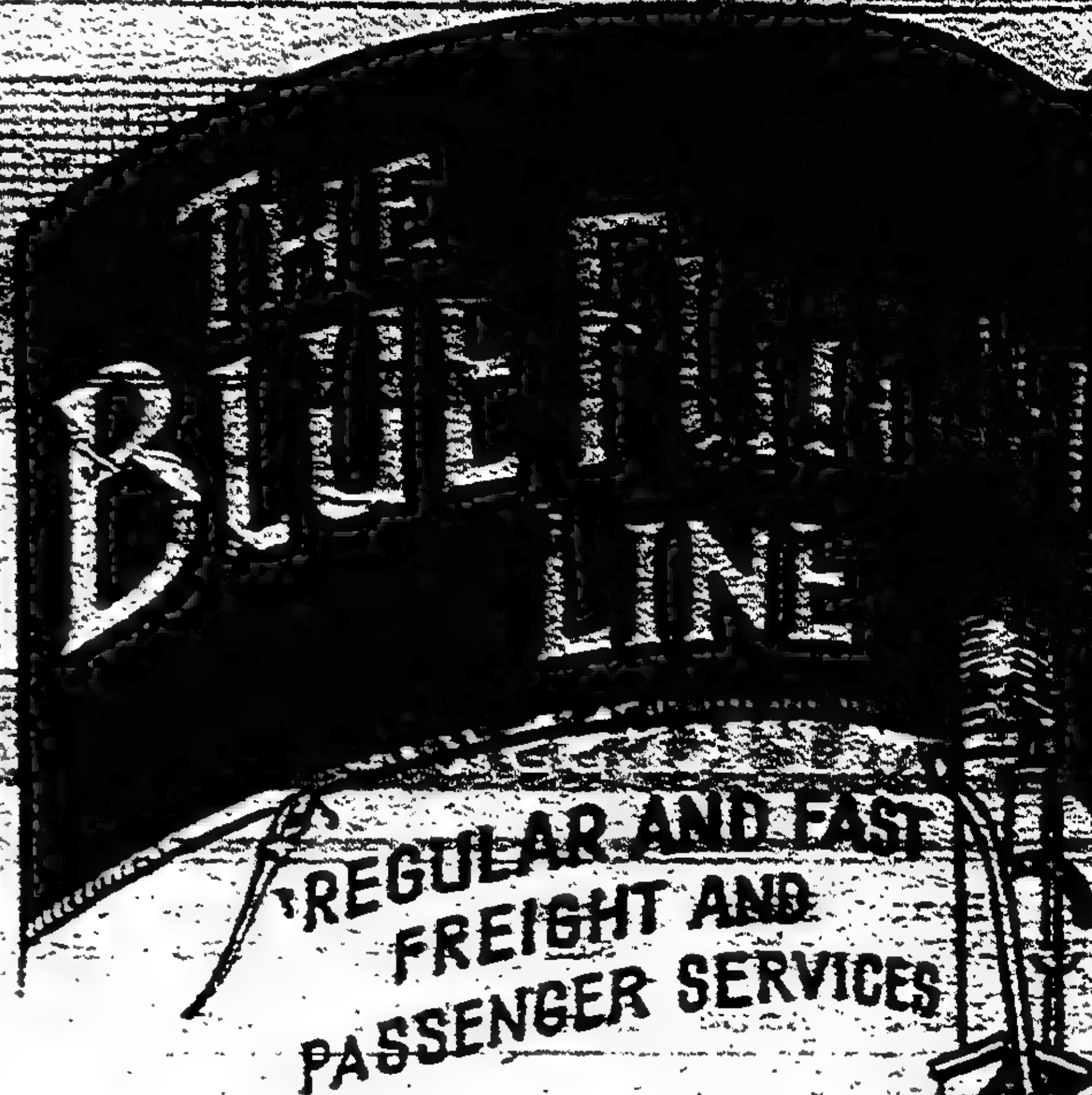
- 45- Tormented
- 48- Cleanse, as a wound
- 50- Accommodate
- 51- Negative
- 52- Adherent of Erastianism
- 54- Pronoun
- 55- An emperor of Rome
- 57- According to custom (Lat. abbr.)
- 58- Greek goddess of discord
- 59- Soil
- 61- Curious
- 62- Plural of lira
- 63- Obliterate
- 64- A period of time
- 65- River in Bohemia

## VERTICAL

- 1- Sewa loosely
- 2- Dormant
- 3- Twirl
- 4- Especially (abbr.)
- 5- Ascends
- 6- Breathes convulsively
- 7- And others (Lat. abbr.)
- 8- Displacing
- 9- Because
- 10- Enigma

## VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 11- Affray
- 12- Combining form Egg
- 13- Portuguese coin
- 21- Equal
- 22- The nostrils
- 23- Imitates
- 25- Paradise
- 27- Part of a plant
- 28- Morbidly tender
- 30- Impressed with reverential fear
- 31- Wolf hounds (Her.)
- 34- Terrestrial
- 35- Go by
- 36- Musician's baton
- 37- Ascend
- 38- Clogs
- 39- Guide
- 41- Girl's name
- 42- Enclosures
- 44- The garden-dormouse (pl.)
- 45- Taster
- 46- The whole
- 47- Rich church hanging
- 48- Earth (Lat.)
- 50- Girl's name
- 53- Suffix denoting kinship with
- 54- Part of the eye
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## GROWING POPULARITY OF REPULSE BAY LIDO

THE GROWING APPRECIATION OF THE PUBLIC OF AMENITIES OFFERED BY THE REPULSE BAY LIDO, WAS MENTIONED BY MR. JOHN FLEMING, CHAIRMAN, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY HELD THIS MORNING AT EXCHANGE BUILDING.

Mr. Fleming said:—

The profit for the year under review amounted to \$57,104.68, which, together with the sum of \$55,861.80 brought forward from the previous year, makes available \$112,966.48 for allocation, and the recommendation of your Board in this regard, is to pay a dividend of twenty-five cents per Share, absorbing \$50,000.00, and carry forward the remaining balance of \$62,966.48 to the 1933 Account.

A perusal of the Profit and Loss Account reveals that the profit for 1932 increased by approximately \$47,500 by comparison with the preceding year, the principal contributing factors in the presentation of such a satisfactory result being the augmentation of revenue from Dividends on Investments by some \$16,000, and a turnover of \$24,000 in the Balance of Working Account from a debit item of \$13,374.60 to a credit of \$10,702.32.

### NO VACANCIES

This last mentioned figure represents the profit accrued on operation of the Repulse Bay Lido and the Company's Bungalows adjacent thereto.

less such Administrative charges not specifically itemised in the Profit and Loss Account, and reflects the increasing patronage extended these assets during the past year.

The Lido Establishment recorded a considerable revenue gain in 1932 and there is little doubt that with the passing of time, the public is becoming more appreciative of the amenities it offers.

The Bungalows, for the first year since erection, contributed in minor degree to the general profits, and were in constant occupation, a very gratifying feature being that no vacancies existed even prior to the abnormal accommodation problem that faced the Colony in the latter stage of the year just ended.

The Balance Sheet, I would submit, calls for no particular comment on my part excepting that the Market Value of Investments shows considerable decline on comparison with the value shown in the previously issued Balance Sheet. With the recent rise in values, however, the difference has, at the moment, been almost covered and the returns for the current year give promise of materially exceeding the dividends brought to credit for 1932.

### BUILDING COVENANTS

My predecessor mentioned to you a year ago that your Board intended seeking from Government some revision of the Building Covenants attaching to the undeveloped properties R. B. Lots 366 and 367 at Repulse Bay, resultant upon the representations made, an extension of fulfilment time until the 23rd October, 1933, has been granted, and the relevant notation in the Balance Sheet has accordingly been amended.

The profit for the year being adequate for the purpose, your Board are recommending the payment of a small dividend of twenty-five cents per Share, which I trust will receive your approval. I take this opportunity of stating that, having regard to present indications, it is considered that the payment of such a dividend can be maintained in future and in the circumstances it is not proposed to continue payment of Directors' Fees upon the reduced scale which was operative during the past year.

There appearing to be no other matters to which useful reference can be made, I now beg formally to propose that from the balance of \$112,966.48 standing at the credit of Profit and Loss Account at the 31st December, 1932, a dividend of twenty-five cents per share on 200,000 shares be paid, and the then remaining balance of \$62,966.48 be carried forward to the Account for the year 1933.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. W. C. Clark seconded and the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

Messrs. E. M. Raymond and P. K. Kwok were re-elected directors on the motion of Mr. P. H. Suckling, seconded by Mr. M. Cario, while Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. A. M. d'Eca, seconded by Mr. W. C. Clark.

The following attended:—Mr. John Fleming, chairman, Mr. E. M. Raymond, Mr. P. K. Kwok, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. T. E. Pearce, (directors); Mr. J. H. Taggart (managing director), Mr. F. C. Barry (secretary), and the following shareholders:—Messrs. W. C. Clark, P. H. Suckling, A. M. d'Eca and M. Cario.

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## LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:-

**BANKS**  
Hong Kong Bank \$1545 b., \$1510/20 sa.  
Bank of East Asia \$30 b.

**INSURANCES**  
Union Ins. \$530 b., \$530 sa.  
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**SHIPPING**  
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H. K. and W. Docks \$33½ b., \$34 sa.  
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Atamoks Ps. 52 sa.  
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I. X. L. Ps. 70 sa.

Paracale Gumans Ps. 20½ sa.  
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United Paracales Ps. 41 sa.  
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H. K. and S. Hotels \$6¾ sa.  
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**PUBLIC UTILITIES**  
H. K. Tramways \$15¼ b., \$15¼/30 sa.

Peak Trams (Old) \$7 b.  
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H. K. Electric \$58¾ sa.  
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**INDUSTRIALS**  
Cements \$17½ s.

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Dairy Farms \$25¼ b.  
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Constructions \$1¼ b.

Vibro Piling \$5½ s.  
Marshmans Inv. (H.K.) s/- 3/10 b.

## LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2-13/16.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 20-7/16 and forward at 20-1/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at \$-U.S.\$4.9662 and the New York on London rate at \$-U.S.\$4.96-13/16.

London, To-day.

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Hong Kong Currency Reserve ..... \$10,000,000  
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## COMPARISON OF TWO TEAMS INTERESTING

(By "ADREM")

I am publishing to-day, the first of a series of articles in which complete figures for each Club in both Divisions of the League will be shown.

To-day's Clubs are present joint leaders of the First Division, the I.R.C. and C.C.C.

I.R.C. have had an exceptionally good season. They have scored a total of 1179 runs for the loss of 46 wickets giving an average of 25.63 per wicket, against 805 runs for 64 wickets and an average of 12.58.

Most successful batsman has been A. H. Madar, who finishes with an average of 52.33, while K. Nazarin, A. R. Minu, S. A. Ismail and A. R. Kitchell have also batted well.

The bowling averages are headed by A. R. Kitchell, while A. H. Madar and A. R. Minu also rendered some fine work.

Craigengower, of course, have an identical League record, although their performance is not quite as impressive. Their average per wicket works out at 20.89 against 14.65.

Francis Zimmermann has had one of his best seasons ever and tops the batting with an average of 36.33 for an aggregate of 218, while A. R. H. Esmail and George Souza are also prominently featured. Remaining figures are rather poor.

In the course of the season, P. J. Billimoria, a left-hander, has developed into one of the steadiest bowlers in the Colony. He has borne the brunt of the attack and heads the bowling average for a "bag" of 25 wickets.

### INDIAN RECREATION CLUB RECORD

P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
7	4	0	3	15
187	for 7	beat Navy	137	
142		drew with C.C.C.	132	for 9
167	" 4	beat C. de R.	103	
179	" 4	beat Army	83	
167	" 8	dec. beat C.S.C.C.	92	
147	" 8	drew with H.E.C.C.	169	" 9
190	" 5	drew with K.C.C.	98	" 6
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1179	for 46		805	for 64
Average per wicket 25.63 against 12.58.				

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A. H. Madar	5	51	2	157	52.33
K. Nazarin	7	80	0	242	34.55
A. R. Minu	6	74	1	179	34.00
A. A. Rumjahn	5	50	2	75	25.00
A. R. Kitchell	7	41	0	157	22.43
S. A. Ismail	7	73	0	145	20.71
M. P. Madar	5	12*	4	15	15.00
A. R. Abbas	5	29	0	74	14.80
M. el Arculli	5	29	0	36	7.20

The following also batted:—A. Baker (9\*, 1); A. M. Rumjahn (0, 4\*, 6\*,).

### BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Ave.
A. R. Kitchell	19.5	5	74	10	7.40
A. M. Rumjahn	14	6	51	6	8.50
A. H. Madar	55	14	143	15	9.53
M. el Arculli	21	8	41	4	10.25
A. R. Minu	92.5	22	277	17	16.29
A. R. Abbas	47.2	13	174	10	17.40

The following also bowled:—A. Baker (2—1—5—1); K. Nazarin (3—1—7—0).

The following held catches:—K. Nazarin (4), A. R. Abbas (4), M. P. Madar (4), A. A. Rumjahn (4), A. M. Rumjahn (4), A. R. Minu (3), M. el Arculli (3), A. H. Madar (2), S. A. Ismail, A. R. Kitchell, F. A. Curreen.

S. A. Ismail stumped four.

### CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB RECORD

P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
7	4	0	3	15
97	for 8	drew with K.C.C.	182	for 7 dec.
132	" 9	drew with I.R.C.	142	
157	" 6	beat C.S.C.C.	125	
147	" 6	beat Navy	73	
111	" 5	beat C. de R.	109	
159	" 3	beat Army	152	" 9
137	" 8	drew with H.E.C.C.	169	" 9
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940	for 45		952	for 65
Average per wicket 20.89 against 14.65.				

### BATTING

	Inns.	H.S.	Not Out	Aggr.	Ave.
F. R. Zimmermann	7	71	1	218	36.33
G. Souza	6	47*	2	143	35.75
A. R. H. Ismail	7	74*	1	194	32.33
A. K. Ismail	5	37	2	57	19.00
F. K. Lee	7	60	0	116	16.57
E. Zimmermann	5	27	0	54	9.00

The following also batted:—A. B. Hamson (0, 4, 6\*); U. M. Omar (23); W. Hong Sling (6\*, 0); J. L. Youngsaye (12, 1\*); Gobind Singh (5, 5); P. J. Billimoria (0\*, 21).

### BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Ave.
P. J. Billimoria	96.3	28	227	25	9.08
G. Souza	60	17	209	13	16.08
A. T. Lee	65.5	16	178	11	16.17
F. R. Zimmermann	22	4	73	4	18.25
A. K. Ismail	21	3	84	2	42.00

The following also bowled:—U. M. Omar (8—0—23—2); F. K. Lee (10—0—53—1); Ramchand (3—0—13—0); A. Gobind (2—1—2—0).

The following held catches:—G. Souza (6), F. K. Lee (5), A. T. Lee (5), A. B. Hamson (5), F. R. Zimmermann (3), J. L. Youngsaye (2), A. R. H. Ismail, E. Zimmermann, A. K. Ismail, W. Hong Sling and P. J. Billimoria.



### WALES WITHDRAW FROM INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY TOURNEY

Two men having dropped out of their team, Wales have been compelled to scratch from the H. K. H. A. International Tournament, the first round of which is scheduled to take place to-morrow evening, when they should have met England.

### BADMINTON FINAL TO-NIGHT

P. H. WONG DEFENDS SINGLES TITLE

### LADIES' DOUBLES FEATURE

A thrilling badminton match is promised at the Taikoo Club this evening, at 8.30 p.m., when Patrick H. Wong, the holder, meets P. K. Hui in the Final of the Men's Singles Championship.

Both players have not displayed any consistency in form and if anything, Hui has been the steadier of the two although Wong's better court-craft is likely to carry him through again this season.

A charge of 20 cents will be made at the gate.

Included in to-night's programme is a Ladies Doubles Invitation knock-out tournament, the draw for which is as follows:—

Miss M. Silva and Miss O. Ribeiro v. Miss W. Cheung and Miss U. Khoo.

Miss A. Remedios and Mrs. M. Wagstaff v. Miss N. Eardley and Miss B. Pollock.

Miss R. Summers and Mrs. S. W. Clark v. Miss M. Frazer and Miss I. Cunningham.

Miss S. Remedios and Mrs. N. Castro v. Miss M. Xavier and Miss M. Ribeiro.

### INTER-VARSITY GOLF MATCH

Light Blues Lead On Foursomes

Westward Ho., To-day.

The fifty-fifth annual Inter-Varsity Golf match commenced over the Royal North Devon Links, here, yesterday with the foursomes, over 36 holes, and resulted as follows:—

Scott and Lawrie (Oxford) beat Carter and Winton (Cambridge) 19 and 9.

Physick and Bond (Oxford) lost to Langley and Goodban (Cambridge) by 1 up.

Foster and Harvey (Oxford) lost to Withlaw and Booth (Cambridge) 7 and 6.

Walker and Pether (Oxford) beat Dahey and Macgregor (Cambridge) 5 and 3.

Pimpton and Garrow (Oxford) lost to How and Casson (Cambridge) 6 and 5.

The singles matches will be held to-day. —Renter.

### WALTER LINDRUM ASKED TO VISIT ENGLAND

London, February 21.

The Australian billiards champion, Walter Lindrum, was asked by cablegram whether he would go to England this summer. Lindrum replied that he would gladly consider a visit if he was guaranteed a suitable proposition that would cover the travelling expenses of his

### MISS WANDA MORGAN

London, February 13.

The English woman golf champion, Miss Wanda Morgan, has joined the staff of a firm of golf ball manufacturers, and will not be eligible to defend her title.



### CHINA'S HOCKEY ELEVEN TO MEET PORTUGAL

The following have been selected to represent China against Portugal in the International Hockey Tournament to-morrow:—K. F. Chan, S. S. Chin, O. C. Leoh, P. K. Hui, C. H. Teoh, C. L. Hui, K. S. Cheng, P. C. Tang, J. Tsmi, L. H. Tan and S. H. Ling. Reserve, L. H. Chiang.

### GOLDEN BREW GOES LAME

(By "RAPIER")

Entered for the "Kongmun Handicap," a one mile event for non-winning Subscription Griffins of this season and to be run on Saturday next, Golden Brew, belonging to Wayfoong, went lame this morning.

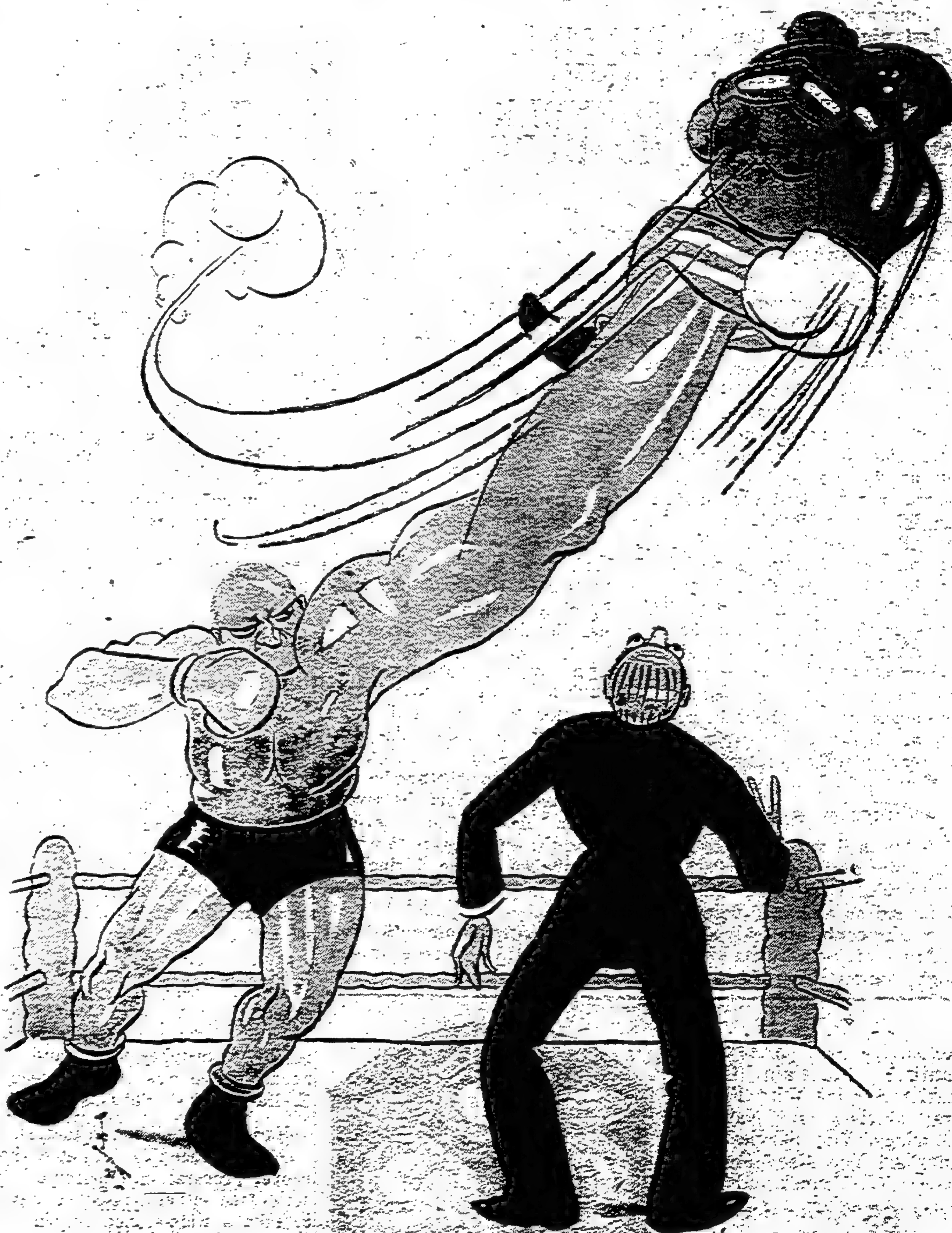
It was taken out for a trial gallop by Mr. T. W. Chattey, and on completion of the gallop it was found to be lame. Mr. Chattey had

### ARMY REGIMENT CRICKET FINAL

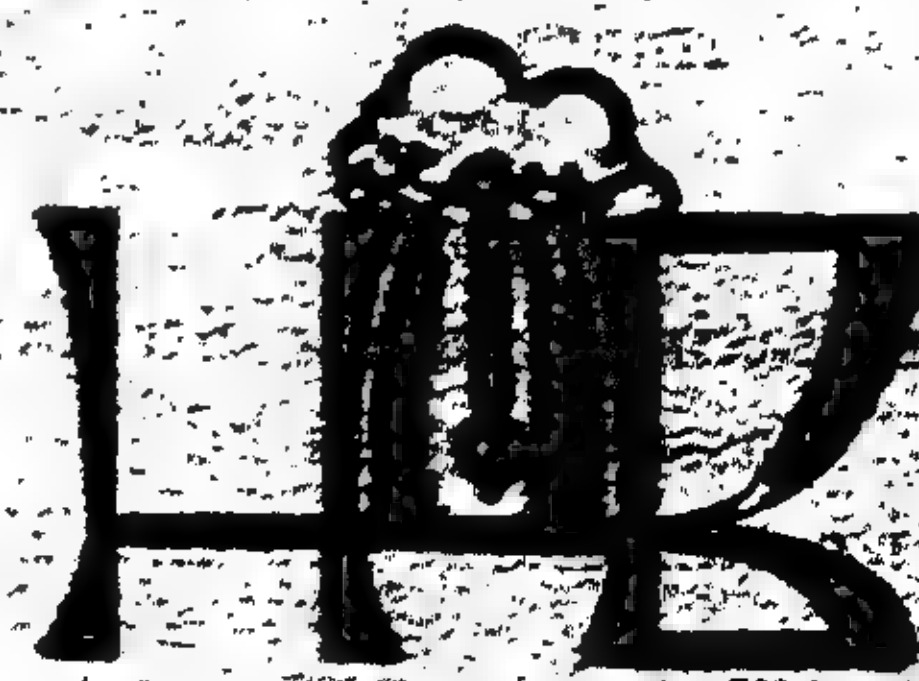
The final of the Inter-Unit Cricket Competition between the Royal Engineers and 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, March 30 and 31, on the ground of the Kowloon Cricket Club. Play will commence at 10 a.m. and stumps will be drawn at 4 p.m.

to dismount near the six-furlong post and lead the pony back to the stable.

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# ENGLAND'S ROWING SUCCESS IN GAMES

## HOUGH STRUGGLES TO VICTORY

Last Round Punch That Nearly Beat Him

## NEEDS TWO MONTHS' REST AT LEAST

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

London, February 15.

After a hard, exhausting, muddling fight, Frank Hough, of Battersea, beat Emile Ollive (France) on points over 10 rounds, in the National Sporting Club tournament at Earls Court last night and thus, to some extent, repaired the damage to his reputation caused by his defeat the week before.

The qualification is necessary because Hough was again perilously near to defeat, particularly in the last round when the tired, battered Frenchman, during a desperate rally, landed a powerful right swing to Hough's jaw.

Hough's knees quivered, and those in his corner shouted a torrent of frantic instructions to him. Hough's experience, however, came to his rescue, and during the 30 seconds or so that remained he fenced off his opponent and survived the ignominy of a count and possibly another defeat.

This was not the first time during the fight that Hough was in trouble. He boxed in restrained fashion for the first two rounds, and in the third the Frenchman, realising that there was no real deadliness in the jabs, cuffs and flat swings raining upon him, tried his right hand and found, as Preciso did last week, that Hough had no defence against that punch. A succession of heavy blows reduced Hough very speedily to retreat and caution.

### VERDICT WAS JUST

But Ollive had very little to recommend him beyond his pluck, his ability to take what came without flinching and an awkward defence. There was no doubt whatever about the justness of the verdict.

Hough now rest from N.S.C. box-

### ENGLISH CREW'S EIGHT SOLD

To University Boat Club

The English crew, which won the Empire Games eight-oar rowing championship, has sold the boat which it used in that race to the Sydney University Boat Club.

The boat, which was built by Simms, of London, is a splendidly constructed craft, and is capable of carrying a heavy crew, as the English eight averaged nearly 13 stone.

Some members of the English crew left yesterday by the Stratheden, but others are travelling overland to join the steamer in Melbourne.

## OLYMPIC GAMES FOUNDER HONOURED

Athens, February 22.

The Olympic Games International Committee decided to bury the heart of Baron Coubertin, founder of modern Olympic Games, under a stone to be erected to his honour at the stadium where the first of the modern Olympic Games were held in 1896. Baron Coubertin wished his body to be interred there, but that is impossible, as it was not cremated.

ing for a month. He is to have another fight elsewhere in London later this week, however, before his rest begins.

He was in better shape physically last night, weighing about 41b less and looking fitter. Nevertheless, to me he had lost something.

LACKED FORMER AGGRESSION  
Though he took this critical fight very seriously—never a smile from start to finish—he lacked his former aggression, snap, vitality, inspiration. I doubt whether he had properly recovered from the severe punishment received the previous week, and the quickness with which he was shaken twice during the fight when struck on the jaw was ominous.

I would suggest two months' rest at least for this courageous and popular boxer.

## TURNER STROKES WINNING CREW AUSTRALIA MAKE VERY SPORTING GESTURE

Sydney, February 10.

ENGLAND won the Eights after a thrilling race with Australia in the rowing section of the Empire Games, which was decided on the Nepean river, at Penrith, some 30 miles from here, this afternoon.

Their success was rather unexpected. Experts were doubtful of the gamble when, having gained permission through the waiving of a rule, Tim Turner (who stroked the London crew at Melbourne in 1934 before settling down in Australia) was given the place of stroke in preference to B. S. Beazley.

Australia will be wishing that she had not been quite so sporting about the waiving of that rule, because it was the wonderful stroking of Turner that helped to win the race. He was, however, ably supported by all his crew.

They won by three-quarters of a length from Australia, covering the mile and a quarter course in 6min 29sec. New Zealand, who, like Australia, were also favoured to beat England, were third, a further two lengths behind. London University had a share in the win, for it was in the shell that they had so generously provided that the race was won.

In the only other official rowing event in which England was engaged, the Single Sculls, R. H. Jackson, of the London R.C., finished second to the Australian, H. J. Turner, beating the New Zealand champion, R. B. Smith, four lengths into third place. Jackson probably sacrificed his chances in this event by rowing No. 5 in the Eight.

## RAGNILD HVEGER Invited To Australia

Sydney, February 19.

With the consent of the Australian Swimming Union, the New South Wales Women's Swimming Association has issued an invitation to Ragnild Hveger, the Danish swimmer, who holds nearly all the freestyle and backstroke swimming records of the world.

If Miss Hveger is not available, an attempt will be made to bring Miss Senff or Miss Mastenbroek, both of Holland, to Australia. The swimmer would come to Australia at the end of this year, and compete in the major championships during the latter part of 1938 and early in 1939.

### 1940 GAMES IN OFFING

With the Olympic Games of 1940 so close, it is possible that overseas swimmers will be unwilling to make the long trip to Australia. If one of the girls can be persuaded to come, such a visit would give a fresh impetus to swimming.

Miss Hveger holds 10 world records. Miss Senff won the Olympic backstroke championship. Miss Mastenbroek was second in the same event, but won the freestyle over 100 metres. The Danish girl is the outstanding swimmer of the world to-day, with the Dutch representatives little behind her in skill.

## PARIS OUTPLAY LONDON

### Home Players Win Six Matches In Row

Paris, February 14.

Winning the first six matches played to-day in a row, Paris with 13 wins to 7 won the inter-city contest with London.

It was a sudden and unexpected defeat for London, for at the end of yesterday's play the two cities were level with seven wins all. A stern tussle was expected on the final day. Paris now lead in the series of annual matches 15-7.

The final matches to-day attracted a crowd of 4,000 to the new Coubertin Stadium. The fact that the newly-painted wooden courts are still playing rather slow probably aided the London players in the first two days, but to-day they had a row of losses.

C. M. Jones went down surprisingly to the strong forehand drives of J. Jamain, and H. F. David came unexpectedly up against the true form of H. Bolelli after the Frenchman had allowed him to become a set up.

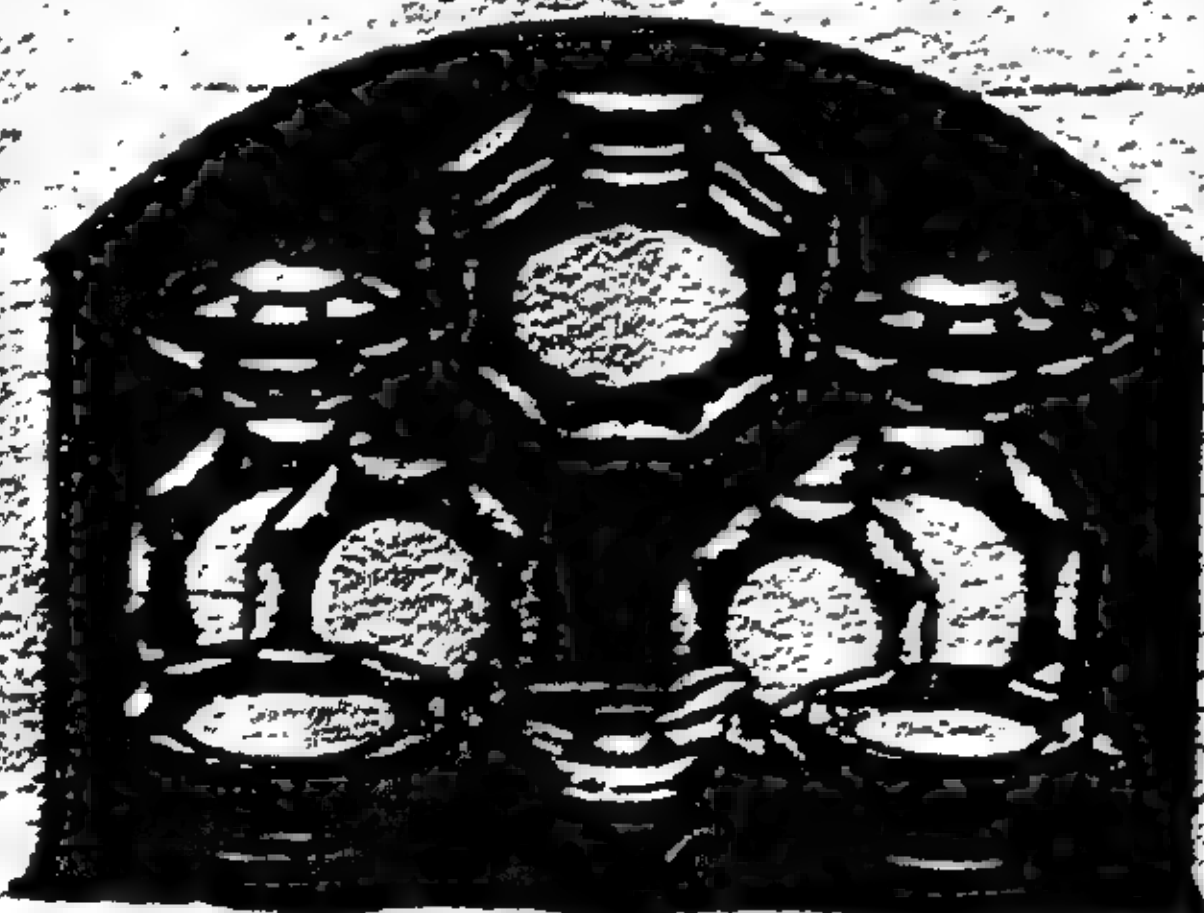
Y. Petra was extended by R. A. Shaves in their first set, against expectations, but after that Shaves was out of the picture. Paris then led by 10 matches to 7, and the needle match was that between C. E. Hare and C. Boussus.

Hare lost through bad tactics. He frequently raced to the net without proper preparation, and found himself often either passed or having to take a wide-angled return with a running forehand, with the result that he usually netted.

Singles: J. Jamain (Paris) beat C. M. Jones (London), 6-3, 7-5; H. Bolelli (Paris) beat H. F. David (London), 3-6, 11-9, 6-1; C. Boussus (Paris) beat C. E. Hare (London), 6-2, 6-4; Y. Petra (Paris) beat R. Shaves (London), 7-5, 6-3.  
Doubles: J. Jamain and E. Pellizza (Paris) beat C. M. Jones and E. E. Mulliken (London), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.  
Y. Petra and E. Descreman (Paris) beat R. A. Shaves and M. D. Deleford (London), 6-1, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.  
C. E. Hare and G. P. Hughes (London) beat H. Bolelli and G. S. S. 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

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# TO-DAY'S LINCOLNSHIRE GAMBLE

## HUGE FIELD THIS YEAR? LUCK OF THE DRAW

London, March 5.

THE Lincolnshire Handicap which opens the English flat racing season, dates from 1853, and has attractions which are lacking in some of the later handicaps.

THE LINCOLN, FOR ONE THING, IS ALWAYS MUCH MORE OF A GAMBLE. THERE IS LITTLE FORM TO GO UPON EXCEPT THAT OF THE PRECEDING YEAR, WHICH IS OF PROBLEMATIC VALUE IN LOOKING FOR THE WINNER. IT IS ALMOST AXIOMATIC THAT THE FITTEST HORSE AND NOT NECESSARILY THE BEST HORSE, WINS THE LINCOLN.

The race abounds in "jobs" for the race, is also a North country horse. While Mrs. J. Shand's horse fitter than is generally known, is consequently able to bring it out at the last moment trained to the peak.

Then there is the gamble of the draw. The slight curve on the Carholme course means that the low numbers apart from a horse on the rails, who might be an exceptionally fast beginner, get drowned out by those on the outside as they make a dash for the rails. There is the inevitable scrimmaging which may result in accidents similar to that which occurred two years ago when several came down and one of the most fancied candidates, Tom Bowling, was killed.

Apart from the luck of the draw, the trainer who has his quarters in a place where he can get good gallops early is at a great advantage for the Lincoln.

### MOST FANCIED CANDIDATE

For this reason J. Russell, the South African, who trains on the sands at Mablethorpe in Lincolnshire, is particularly well placed and has proved this by winning the race twice in four years, with Play On and Overcoat. His most fancied candidate this year is Galsonia, a five-year-old who is at present second favourite for the race. Mythical Ray, another of Russell's, has engendered a lot of quiet confidence.

Although the winter in the North is more severe than in the South, many North country horses have been specially trained for the Lincoln. Scarlet Princess, a four-year-old, trained by Harry Peacock, is spoken highly of. Four-year-olds and five-year-olds such as Scarlet Princess and Galsonia, have a fine record in the handicap.

Since 1853 the race has been won 29 times by horses of each age. This compares very favourably with the 14 times in which a six-year-old has won and the 6 times in which a three-year-old has won. Seven-year-old horses have only won four times.

Scarlet Princess is a smart filly, who won her two races last season in the first four weeks. She has 7 st. 13 lbs. in the Lincoln and she was carrying 8 st. 13 lbs. last year when easily winning the Wisbech Handicap for Fillies.

Last year Peacock's stable won this race with Marmaduke Jinks, who is again an entry, though this time from C. Nightingall's establishment.

### PRESENT FAVOURITE

The present favourite for the race is Squadron Castle, owned by Mrs. W. P. Ahern, and trained by C. Cowie at Chester. This horse, a five-year-old, won one race at Haydock Park last season and it was none too impressive a performance. But a lot of money has been invested on his chance.

Thankerton, another favourite

for the race, is also a North country horse. While Mrs. J. Shand's horse is six years old, the mile is his right distance, and if he is in the best of condition, he should be near the front at the finish despite his weight of 9 st. 4 lbs. The axiom "Class always tells" should be applied in weighing up his chances as he is the best bred horse in the race—indeed he was third in the 1936 Derby.

Following in the betting come two Newmarket horses in Peter Kane and Discord. The latter, owned by Mrs. James Rank, and trained by Major W. Beatty, is a four-year-old who won five out of his eight races last season. He was becoming a dangerous horse in almost any company when the season ended, and he is in the Lincoln with 7 st. 6 lbs. Of course, much will depend on where he is drawn, and perhaps more on his fitness when he goes to the post.

### PROMISING FOUR-YEAR-OLD

Peter Kane, another four-year-old, trained by Captain P. Whitaker, is reported to be a "rod in pickle". He was coming on tremendously at the end of last season.

A group of southern trained horses follow in the betting. Gunboat, trained by C. Peck and owned by Mr. J. B. Joel, is a six-year-old who showed good form in the Ascot Hunt Cup last year, but never did anything else of note.

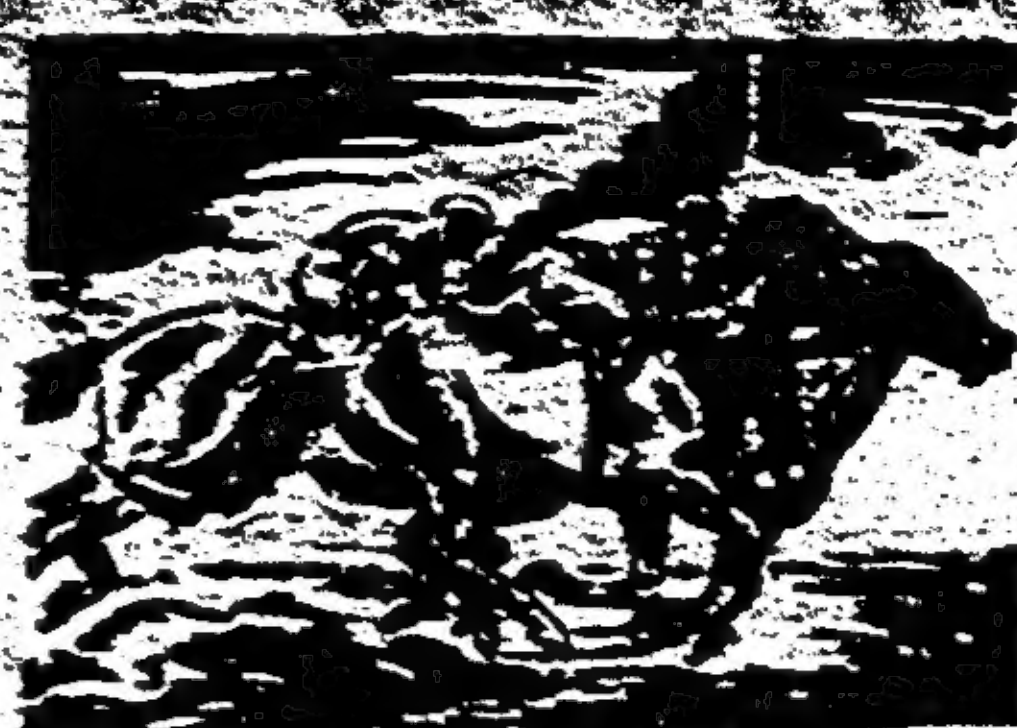
Gibbons, owned by Ben Warner, a clever commission agent, and trained by E. Gwilt, an equally astute man, is, it is said, being trained especially for the race. Strictly on form the chance of this four-year-old is not outstanding, but the gelding may be more useful than the form indicates.

Laureat II, who finished second to Marmaduke Jinks last season, is another fancied animal, who never runs a bad race. He, also, is owned by a commission agent.

A North country horse which has come to fore of late is Hornpipe, trained by R. Renton and owned by Mr. C. Webb. This four-year-old is in the race with 7 st. 4 lbs. The horse ran very well in the Britannia Stakes at Ascot last season, and a little later he was made a 5 to 2 on chance to beat Chumleigh, the St. Leger winner, at Chesham. He has been hurdling all winter and has won two good races so that he should at least be fit when the Lincoln starts.

### TOP WEIGHT

The top weight in the Lincoln this year is Dan Bulger, a former Cambridgeshire winner, owned by Sir Abe Bailey and trained by H. Cottrell. He has been asked to shoulder 9 st. 7 lbs., and perhaps this would not be too much for him if one could be sure that he would be fit when the race came round. As it is, the Lambourn stable are not particularly assured of this latter point.



There is a distinct possibility this year that if the mild weather continues, the record for the Lincoln field established in 1932, when 36 competed, may be beaten.

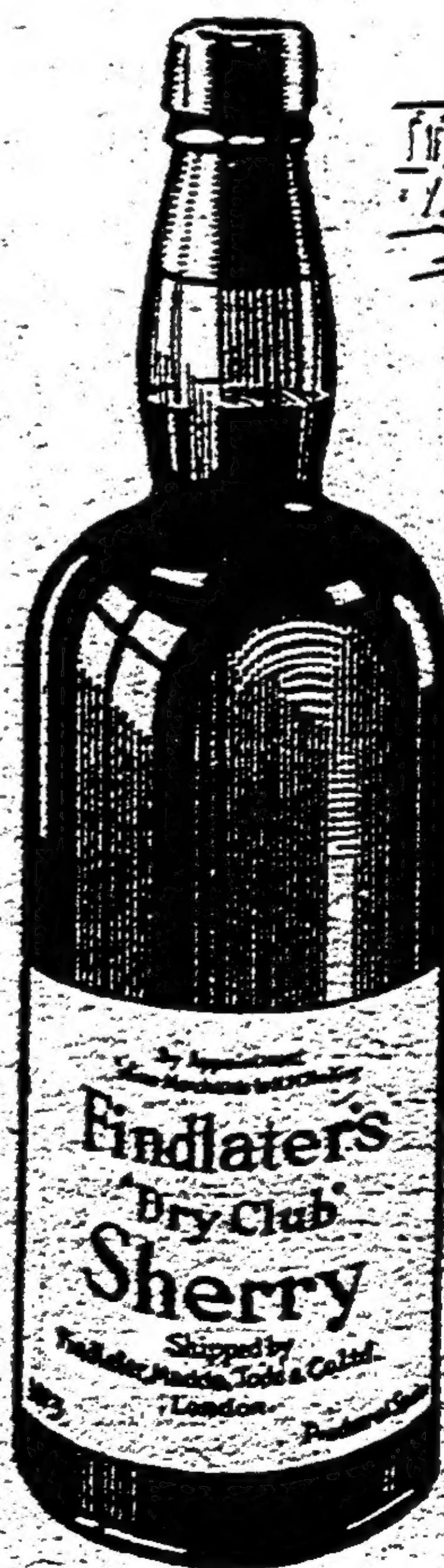
There are nearly 50 horses still left in the race so that there may easily be a record field to face the starter. With such a field, the question of the draw becomes vital. Year after year efforts have been made to have the results of the

draw announced several days before the race but without avail. It has been pointed out that stay-at-home backers are entirely in the dark when making their bets when the places drawn by horses are not announced until half an hour before the start.

They argue that there is no reason why the draw should not be made known several days beforehand as is done in several Australian States.

This is one of the alterations in the rules of racing which is much desired not only for the Carholme but for all big races on which there is ante-post betting. If such a regulation could be introduced there would not be the startling change in betting which often occurs in the last half hour before such races as the Lincoln.

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# To-day's Wireless

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12.00-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m.—Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra and Charles Kullman (Tenor).  
Stradella—Overture (von Flotow arr. Balfour)..... Orchestra conducted by Sir Dan Godfrey.  
The World Is Mind To Night (Marvell & Postford).  
By The Dark Lagoon (Biddleley & Leigh)..... Charles Kullman.  
Love, Here Is My Heart (Ross & Siles)..... Charles Kullman.  
Three Dances From Nell Gwyn:  
1. Country Dance.  
2. Pastoral Dance.  
3. Merry-makers' Dance.  
Chanson Triste (Tchaikowsky, arr. Stewart)..... Orchestra conducted by Sir Dan Godfrey.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Georges Thill (Tenor) and Orchestre Symphonique de Paris.  
Musette Et Tambourin (Rameau)..... Orchestre conducted by Francois Buhlmann.  
Norwegian Rhapsody (Lalo)..... Orchestre conducted by Pierre Chag-

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La Damnation De Faust—Invocation A La Nature (Berlioz).  
Werther—O Nature Plains De Grace (Massenet)..... Georges Thill.  
Orpheus Et Eurydice—Ballet (Gluck)..... Orchestre cond. by M. Elie Cohen.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Schubert—Piano-forte Quintet In A Major ("Trout" Quintet Op. 114). Played by Wilhelm Backhaus with Mangeot—Violin, Howard Viola, Withers—Cello and Hobday—Double Bass.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7 p.m.—De Groot & His Orchestra.  
The Waltz Dream—Selection (O. Strauss)..... Orchestra.  
Destiny (Baynes)..... Orchestra.  
Waldteufel Memories (Arr. Finck)..... Orchestra.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Take Your Choice. A weekly entertainment feature.

7.45 p.m.—London Relay—Songs of the Seasons. No. 4—Winter. Ten minutes winter-time music with Janet Lind, Bernard Clifton, The Radio Graces, and The Band. Presented by William MacLurg.

7.55 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Revival of Some Old Popular Songs by J.C.M.G. And C.H.A.T. Continued.

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—Music Hall Reminiscences. The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra; Leader, Leonard Hirsch; Conducted by Clifton Bellwell; Colleen Clifton (Soprano), John Rocks (Baritone).  
La Danza (Rossini).  
My Darling ("The Gipsy Baron"—J. Strauss)..... Berlin State Opera Orchestra conducted by Dr. Leo Blech.  
Blue Danube (Strauss).  
Vienna Blood (Strauss).  
De Groot & The Piccadilly Orch.

10.15 p.m.—Variety Numbers.

10.35 p.m.—London Relay—The Lincoln. A commentary on the Lincolnshire Handicap from Carlholme, Lincoln.

10.50 p.m.—Dance Music.

11 p.m.—Close down.

7.50 a.m.—Talk: "America Speaks"—A series of talks broadcast from the U.S.A. to the British Empire.

8.10 a.m.—"Take your Choice." A weekly entertainment feature.

8.40 a.m.—Songs of the Seasons—4: Winter.

8.50 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.00 a.m.

9.15 a.m.—Close Down.

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TRANSMISSION 3

10.45 a.m.—Big Ben Programme of Shanties.

11.15 a.m.—"Take your Choice." A weekly entertainment feature.

11.45 a.m.—Songs of the Seasons—4: Winter.

11.55 a.m.—"Monkey Wrenches in the Trade Machine"—I. A talk by Sir Josiah Stamp.

12.10 p.m.—The Chamber Music of Grieg.

12.30 p.m.—Music Hall Reminiscences.

1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.

1.55 p.m.—Close Down.

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1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.

2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. "Swift Serenade." The Swift Serenade Concert Orchestra.

2.35 p.m.—"The Lincoln": A commentary on the Lincolnshire Handicap, from Carlholme, Lincoln.

2.50 p.m.—Violin Music.

3.00 p.m.—"Palace of Varieties."

4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.

4.20 p.m.—Piano-forte Recital by Cecil Bammer.

4.40 p.m.—"World Affairs." A talk by the Rt. Hon. Sir Malcolm Robertson.

5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

## BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

## How Good Is Your Bridge?

How good is your bridge? Are you a master, an expert, an advanced player, a middling player, or simply a dub? I propose to tell you! How? I have developed a scientific method which will automatically rate every one's game. And now I am going to conduct, through this column, a *National Bridge Examination*, which will be simple, quick, and decisive. By means of this examination I will not only enable you to rate yourself and to diagnose precisely your strong and weak points, but I will know at last how many of the 20 million players in this country are expert, good, middling, or plain dubs. Besides, should you be married and your rating be higher than your wife's (or vice versa) that ought to settle it for the current year, at least. Thus, I can perhaps qualify for the Nobel peace prize and perhaps undo some of the damage that I have wrought upon so many homes.

This idea of world-wide examination of players came to me as a result of numerous requests from players who offered me cash for examining and rating their games. They wanted to know their "bridge weight," their weaknesses and what to do about them; in short, wanted to be "handicapped," as in golf. Only the other day a pretty good player offered me \$100 to examine and diagnose his game. "If one knows what ails him," he said, "one is half cured."

I now propose to do for you and millions of other readers what I was unable to do for him individually, because of lack of time, with this important difference: The examination will be far more complete and thorough than could be any single, personal examination, and it will be entirely free of charge to any reader of this paper who wishes to be rated by me. Not only that, in case you fear that you may be thrust into the dub class, or do not wish me to make this embarrassing discovery (it is well known that thousands of players deliberately refrain from writing to me about their bridge for fear I will think they are not so hot), you can rate yourself in the privacy of your own home. If your wife (or vice versa) is too inquisitive, why, there is always a lockable bathroom.

The plan of examination is simplicity itself. That it will work, I can guarantee you. It has been tested thoroughly on all types of players. I will give you the details of the plan in to-morrow's column.

### TO-DAY'S HAND

North, dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

### NORTH

S—A K Q  
H—A Q 5  
D—A K 9 4  
C—K 8 6

### WEST

S—3 7 3 2  
H—10 9 3  
D—Q 5 2  
C—A 4 2

### EAST

S—J 9  
H—K 7 4  
D—J 10 8 3  
C—Q J 10 7

### SOUTH

S—10 6 5 4  
H—J 6 3 2  
D—7 6  
C—9 5 3

The bidding.

North East South West  
2 diamonds Pass 2 no trump Pass  
3 no trump Pass Pass Pass  
West opened the heart ten, as the safest and most constructive lead. Dummy played the queen and East the king. Thereafter the contract became a laydown, since declarer could enter his own hand with the heart jack to cash a long heart and a long spade.

East could have defeated the contract by being reasonably alert. The heart ten lead had absolutely denied the jack and declarer, therefore, was marked with that vital card. It might well be (as it actually was) declarer's only entry. Had East wisely allowed the heart queen to hold, declarer's own hand would have been dead and it would have been a simple matter to confine the dummy to eight tricks.

Incidentally, North's opening bid was wrong. Two no trump was the proper opening bid. South would have passed and the contract would have been one that could have been made without the help of the defenders.

## BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

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G.M.T.

7.00 a.m.—Big Ben Programme of Irish Music.

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Hong Kong, 21st March, 1938.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Monday, 28th March, 1938, at Noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from 12th to 28th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,  
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 3rd March, 1938.

THE HONG KONG FIRE  
INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Sixty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on TUESDAY, the 29th March, 1938, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 29th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &  
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General Managers,  
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance  
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Hong Kong, March 7th, 1938.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM  
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The Fifty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 31st March, 1938, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th March to 14th April inclusive.

By order of the Board,

JARDINE, MATHESON &  
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General Managers,  
Hong Kong, 11th March, 1938.

## COMPANY MEETINGS

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF  
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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 18th APRIL, 1938, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,  
General Manager.

Hong Kong, 14th March, 1938.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 18th APRIL, 1938, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,  
General Manager.

Hong Kong, 14th March, 1938.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE  
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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11.25 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

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The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

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Hong Kong, 21st March, 1938.

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London, To-day.

The Prime Minister rejected with considerable asperity a Labour suggestion in the House of Commons yesterday that all valuables deposited by Austrian banks with English banks, including all stocks of precious metals, should be confiscated.

All such deposits, declared Mr. Chamberlain, were now as heretofore, at the disposal of their rightful owners.

The Government had neither the power nor the desire to alter that fact in any way, nor had they any intention of asking Parliament for special powers to take such action.—Trans-Ocean.

The Regular Army recruits from London last week numbered 137, an increase of 56 over the corresponding week of last year and the highest number for that week since 1918.—British Wireless.

It is notified that Queen's Pier is to be closed to all shipping to-morrow from 11.30 a.m. until after the Governor of Macao has landed.

## SOVIET OFFER REJECTED

London, To-day.

The British Government has decided not to accept the Russians invitation to take part in a conference of Powers to discuss the Austrian developments, says the "Evening Standard."

The paper says that Mr. Neville Chamberlain will make an announcement to this effect in the House of Commons during his statement on Thursday.—Trans-Ocean.

## SOVIET HONOURS

Moscow, To-day.

High Soviet titles have been conferred on the four Polar scientists, Papanin, Krenkel, Shirshov and Fedorov, who have each also been awarded a money prize of 30,000 roubles.—Reuter.

## JAPAN AND OIL OF MEXICO

Mexico City, To-day.

The Japanese Government is studying the possibility of importing the production of Mexican oil-fields, according to messages from Tokyo.—Reuter.

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